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THE TEXAS DISASTER.

Only Fifty Houses Left Standing in Indianola.

Several Small Settlements Swept Out of Existence.

FOUR HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Mexicans Robbing and Mutilating the Dead.

CINCINNATI, O., September 23.—The *Times'* southern special says: Parties who arrived from Indianola last night, and who were there during the terrible cyclone, fully confirm even the most sensational reports of the destruction of life and property there. Out of three hundred houses only five are left standing. During Thursday night, when the storm was at its height, the water in the city rose over six feet in two hours. The wind was blowing at the rate of eighty miles an hour, driving the water and breakers through the city at a rate of fifteen miles an hour, sweeping everything in its way, and covering the plain in the rear of the city, a distance of ten miles, to a depth of seven feet. Several small settlements, numbering a total population of one hundred and fifty, were also swept out of existence, making, with the two hundred and fifty nine in Indianola, a total of four hundred lives lost. Gentlemen carrying the information give the most harrowing accounts of the destitution of the survivors. When they left Indianola on Monday afternoon, ninety bodies had been recovered. The stench in the city from the putrefaction of these dead, with the stench from dead animals, was most intolerable. It is also reported that a party of Mexicans began

Robbing the Dead Bodies

washed to the plains, four to six miles back of the city. The scoundrels chopped the fingers off the hands and ears from men and women to obtain jewelry. As soon as this was heard of in the city, a party of citizens went out and killed five Mexicans whom they caught at the devilish work.

Aid for the Sufferers.

BOSTON, September 23.—In answer to an appeal for aid from Mayor Davis, of Galveston, Texas, Mayor Cobb authorized him to draw for $5,000 to assist the sufferers by the recent floods.

NEW YORK, September 23.—Mayor Wickham, yesterday, received from acting Mayor Davis, of Galveston, Texas, an appeal for aid for the suffering Gulf cities.

GALVESTON, September 23.—A schooner loaded with supplies for Indianola sailed yesterday afternoon. Additional supplies will be forwarded by steamer to-morrow. Contributions have been forwarded from San Antonio, Austin and other cities in Texas.

Other Disasters.

GALVESTON, September 23.—Christian's Point was entirely swept away by the storm. The United States revenue cutter lying at Velasco was capsized and carried to sea, having, as supposed, been abandoned by the crew.

The Body of Dr. Geo. W. Peele,

lost from Quarantine, was found this morning near the shore in the bay, four miles above the city. The funeral this evening was very largely attended. The remains were taken in charge by the Masonic fraternity, of which he had been an active and worthy member.

The Storm in the Country.

Passengers arriving from Columbus and Richmond, on the Harrisburg road, say the storm had been destructive through the country. The bridge over the Brazos River at Richmond, which was damaged, is being repaired, and it is expected that trains will be running over that road to-morrow.

INHUMAN PARENTS.

A Boy Confined in a Barn for Eighteen Months, Almost Naked and Starving—Death of the Victim—The Brutal Parents in Jail.

CLEVELAND, September 23.—Sergeant of Police Schmitt yesterday received a communication dated Newburg, over the signature of "Hattie," asking the Superintendent to examine certain premises in the Eighteenth ward, stating that a boy was confined in a barn, without clothing, and actually starving to death, and that he had not been seen out of the barn for eighteen months. Two officers were sent to the place described in the letter, found the barn locked, and broke the door open. There they found a lad about fourteen years old, lying on a lot of damp straw, almost naked and reduced to a mere skeleton by starvation. He lived but a little while after being discovered. His father and mother, whose name is Kagan, were at once arrested. When the father was asked why he treated his child in that manner, he replied: "Oh, he was an idiot." Afterwards he said there was no room in his house; also that she boy had been an idiot from childhood. Superintendent Schmitt made an examination of the house, and found it contained ten rooms, some of them not being used. The Coroner held an inquest this morning, the jury returning a verdict that death was caused by neglect and starvation. There is intense feeling against the unnatural acts of the parents, who are now in jail.

Underwriters' Convention.

Insurance Men of the Northwest in Session in Chicago—Interesting Reports.

CHICAGO, September 23.—In the morning session of the Underwriters of the Northwest, after the transaction of some routine business, the delegation from the National Board was introduced, and Mr. George L. Chase, President of the Hartford Insurance Company, and Vice President of the National Board, delivered an address, in the course of which he briefly mapped out the general plans which the National Board, in harmony with the Local Board, intends to follow.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions on the report of the death of W. M. Forbes was then read and adopted. Mr. Heywood read a report on agency supervision, which dwelt on the necessity of procuring painstaking and conscientious local agents, and on the *minutiae* of labor, which is a prerequisite for agents. It sets forth the duties of superior agents in selecting and educating local agents.

C. H. Case, President of the local board, read an able report on spontaneous combustion, illustrative of the conditions under which combustion occurs, by means of a series of interesting and instructive experiments. This report was listened to with profound attention by the association.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Young Lady's Throat Cut from Ear to Ear by a Married Man—The Fiend Under Arrest.

CINCINNATI, September 23.—The *Gazette's* Bellefontaine (Ohio) special says: Yesterday Miss Laughlim, a young lady, aged sixteen, accompanied a man named Schell and his wife on an excursion to the reservoir, several miles distant. Mrs. Schell, being fatigued, was left with the team, and Schell, with the young lady, started after wild plums. Schell returned without Miss Laughlin, stating she had strayed from him, and could not find her. An alarm was given and a search made, resulting in finding the body of the young lady this forenoon, nearly nude, her throat cut from ear to ear, and the grass showing that a desperate struggle had occurred. Schell, though suspected, was not arrested until this afternoon, and upon examination a bloody knife was found in his pocket. He is now under arrest, with a heavy guard around him to protect him from the excited people.

A RELIGIOUS QUARREL.

A Feud Between Protestant and Catholic School Children in Fort Wayne—A Protestant Ten-year Old Boy Beaten and Kicked in a Horrible Manner by Catholic Scholars.

CINCINNATI, September 23.—The *Commercial's* Ft. Wayne special says: For some time back the Jefferson street Protestant and St. Paul's (German) Catholic schools have been quarreling, resulting to-day in a number of Roman Catholic scholars attacking Hurlbut Hartman, aged ten years, who was beaten and kicked in a horrible manner. A large hole was knocked in his head between the eyes, which will probably cause his death. Much feeling, it is said, exists there to-night against the Roman Catholics, who are charged with upholding their children in the quarrel, which is attributed to the bitter discussion of the school question.

Marine News.

QUEENSTOWN, September 23.—Arrived—The steamship Kenelworth, from Philadelphia.

MOVILDE, September 23.—The steamship Victoria, from New York has arrived.

NEW YORK.

Proceedings of the National Insurance Convention.

Greenback Meeting in Cooper Institute.

NEW YORK, September 23, 1875.

The Insurance Convention.

The National Insurance Convention resumed its session to-day, with President Chapman presiding. A committee reported having arranged the preliminaries for the Convention to be addressed on insurance topics by Messrs. Bryant, Deal and others.

Commissioner Smith, on behalf of the Committee on Legislation, suggested the reading of the proposed draft on insurance laws submitted by that committee to the Convention, and which had been interrupted when partially read, the other day. This was agreed to, and Mr. Smith completed its reading. The report was lengthy. It contained sixty-nine sections. When he had its reading finished, Mr. Smith moved that the report be referred back to the same committee, which was done.

Commissioner Rowe moved that his resolution, offered yesterday, regarding loans to insurance companies, be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legislation, which was also adopted.

Mr. Hammersly, of Hartford, delivered an address, in which he said the object of an insurance company was not to make money for stockholders, but to underwrite and pay all losses, pay one hundred cents on the dollar, if it was possible.

Commissioner Welsh, of Kansas, read a paper advocating more effectual insurance laws in the States, in keeping a full and complete record of every fire that occurred by competent persons paid for their services. Such a record would benefit insurance companies by making them more cautious in the way they write risks.

George Hope, chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, addressed the Convention. He spoke of the disproportionate losses of insurance companies in this country as compared with those of other countries. From the researches of the National Board, it appeared that the average losses of companies in England, France, Italy and Germany were sixty per cent. of the premiums, but our charges were five or six times larger than they were, and of our net e arth, we burned up six times as much as our neighbors, and bye and bye we would become poorer as a nation on account of these disproportionate losses. This could only be remedied by urging better insurance laws and other methods which the Convention should take into account.

Charlton New, Secretary of the Chamber of Life Insurance, followed with an address on the subject of taxation. He said the taxes ought to be largely reduced, and a change made in the manner of their levying, so that they should fall only on business profits, and not on money put away to pay life insurance policies.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow.

Greenback Meeting.

A largely attended mass meeting was held last evening in the large hall of Cooper Institute, when the purpose of the call was stated to be to demonstrate that greenbacks must meet the necessities of peace as well as they met those of war, and that Ohio and Pennsylvania must be sustained in their efforts to redeem the country from general bankruptcy. The square in front of the Institute was illuminated with rockets and light bursted bombs. When the doors of the Institute were opened a large crowd poured in, for the most part consisting of laboring men, among them being scattered a few women, and soon the hall was filled to the doors. The back of the platform was hung with small flags, bearing on them the names of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York. Richard Schell presided. A list of Vice Presidents was read. Among them were Peter Cooper, Benjamin Minier, S. W. Pollion, Robert McClafferty, Gideon J. Tucker, Horace P. Whitney, and General Davies. Letters were read expressing regret at being unable to attend from Wendell Phillips, Wm. E. Pollyea, of Pennsylvania, and Thomas C. Durant, of Washington.

The principal speakers were Theodore E. Tomlinson, Edward Crane, of Boston, and J. K. McGee, of Illinois. A number of distinguished speakers announced to address the meeting were not present. Resolutions were adopted demanding that the policy of contraction be abandoned and the volume of the currency be made and kept equal to the wants of trade; that the National bank circulation be retired and legal tenders issued in their place; favoring the payment of one-half of the customs in legal tenders; the extinction of national banks and the establishment of free banks, sending cheer and sympathy to the great Democratic party of the West, and recommending electors throughout the State of New York to assemble in their various districts and form legal tender clubs, in conformity with resolutions adopted by a meeting, to give strength to the great Democratic party in Ohio and Pennsylvania in the approaching canvass.

The chairman stated that this was the first of a series of mass meetings to be held under the auspices of the Legal Tender Club, and the meeting adjourned. A platform was erected outside the Institute, from which speakers addressed the people who were unable to gain admittance to the hall.

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

Scull Race at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, September 23.—Englehardt won the scull race by over a dozen lengths. Time 22 minutes and 22½ seconds.

The Races at Omaha

OMAHA, NEB., September 23.—The trotting race, best three in five, this afternoon, was warmly contested and very interesting. It was won by Lothair in 2:34, 2:35¼ and 2:33¾.

The Races at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, September 23.—First race, dash of 1¾ miles, won by Emma Cobb. Time 3:06¾.

Second race, mile heats, best three in five, won by Katie Pearce in three straight heats. Time 1:46¾, 1:48¾ and 1:46¾.

Third race, dash of three miles, won by Tenbroeck. Time 5:31.

THE WEATHER.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, PA, Sept. 24, 1875—1 A. M.

Probabilities for To-day.

For New England, the Middle States and the lower lake region, generally clear and slightly warmer weather, light southerly to westerly winds, and high, but slowly falling barometer.

Indian Atrocities.

FORT LARAMIE, WY., September 23.—The body of a man was brought into this post. He was killed by Indians near the mouth of the north fork of the Laramie, about twenty miles from this post, not far from F. M. Philips' ranche. Some of his stock had been run off and he went in pursuit of it last Monday, which was the last time he was seen alive. His body was found yesterday. The ears are cut off, and his nose and chin look as if they were shot off. He is also shot through the body. There are supposed to have been three Indians in the party that killed him.

Collition on Lake Huron.

DETROIT, Michigan, September 23.—The schooner E. R. Williams collided with and sunk the schooner Egan last night, at midnight, near Thunder bay light, Lake Huron. The Egan was loaded with coal and the Williams with wheat. The Williams was damaged forward, and two men were lost on the Egan, the captain's son and a sailor.

A Mob in Possession of Sidney, Nebraska.

OMAHA, September 23.—A telegram from Sidney, Nebraska, says a mob of "bullwhackers" took possession of the town last night. Thomas Sweeney was stabbed in the region of the heart, and C. H. Stone was found dead in bed at Moore's Hotel, Sidney, this morning.

The "Dispatch" and Democracy.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

The *Dispatch*, as is usual with it just before the Finance Committee of the party has had time to get around, bawls out hot and cold on the political issues and the various candidates. This morning, for instance, I find it asserting that the Democratic Governor of New York is just the fellow for the people to love, and in all its issues during the past week or two its keen and sensitive nerves have been irritated by your truthful portrayal of the copperhead record of Pershing and Piolette. This is only on a par with its recent denial of the former assertion of the Cincinnati *Commercial* of the union that exists between Democracy and Romanism or Jesuitism, in which the objective point is a division of the common school fund. In fact, the *Dispatch* for a long time has been smarting under the keen lashes of the Protestant press, no more able to disguise the fact that it senior proprietor and also its writing editor are Irish Catholics than it is to hide its Democratic tendencies, or suppress its utterances in that direction. What is wrong? Has that "truly independent" sheet fully gone over to Democracy and Jesuitical interference with our school system, or is it only one of Dan's methods of "bringing the b'yes to time?" Hurry up gentlemen of the Finance Committee if you wish the powerful (?) help of the *Dispatch* man in this fall's campaign. But we would quietly whisper in your ears "better let him slide"—for the party can get along better without him than with him. The power of his "influence has been sufficiently demonstrated on one or two occasions lately, wherein he attempted to interfere with the party nominations, and he is not at all dangerous. Republicans don't take much stock in the *Dispatch's* Republicanism out in our township, and Dan's bark and bite are about one and the same—and both of no account. Let him snarl.

JEFFERSON.

SECOND EDITION

FOREIGN NEWS.

Servia Protecting Her Frontier.

Preparations for the Prince of Wales' India Tour.

THE NEW SPANISH MINISTRY.

SPAIN.

The New Ministry.

LONDON, September 23.—The *Times* today has a letter from Madrid, giving the following interesting news from Spain: The new Ministry belongs to what is called a union of the Liberal party, formed by O'Donnel from the best elements of the then Conservative party and Liberal party. They come into the cabinet with clean hands and a reputation for talent and integrity.

The correspondent ascribes the change in the Ministry not only to dissensions on questions of suffrage, but to the distribution of some highly lucrative posts in Cuba and the Philipine Islands, which were sought by all parties, not only with avidity, but by acrimony and, it is said, personal coarseness. The Moderate party, furious at their defeat, have been very bitter in the expression of their opinion since being ousted. Their behavior will have the effect to disgust both the King and country with their prejudice and want of liberality. The tide of feeling is setting in in the right direction, and all things point to a union of the Liberal party as one most likely to form wisely a just administration. Senor Castelar of late has moderated many of his advanced views, and in all probability his adherents, if not himself, will offer themselves for seats in the Spanish Cortes and become powerful supporters of a Liberal monarchy. The majority of the officers of the army support the present regime, and desire to put an end to the war. As to the state of feeling in the provinces, it is simply one of utter weariness and indifference. There is very little national, though plenty of provincial, feeling left in the country.

TURKEY.

The Address to Prince Milan.

BELGRADE, September 23.—The address of the Skuptschina in reply to the speech from the throne is published to-day. All means necessary to protect the liberty of the people and security of the country are placed at the disposal of Prince Milan.

Referring to the insurrection in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the address says: Perpetual suffering has compelled our brethren to take up arms. Our hearts bleed for them. We shall give your Highness every means to enable you to assist in restoring peace to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and confide in your wisdom for the accomplishment of this noble mission.

Servia Protecting Her Frontier.

The Servian Minister of War has ordered five batteries of artillery and four battalions of infantry to proceed to the Bosnian frontier. Turkish troops are stationed on the other side of the lines.

Movements of Turkish Troops.

LONDON, September 23.—The *Times*, in its evening edition, publishes a special telegram, in which it is said that the Turkish Pasha, with nine battalions of troops, has entered the village of Piva, near Travnick, unresisted.

Impoverished Refugees.

There are a thousand refugees at Grashar without sustenance, and flocks perishing with drought are arriving there.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Diplomat Under a Cloud.

LONDON, September 23.—The *Times*, in a leading article this morning, commenting on a detailed report of a special commission of the House on foreign loans, says: If these allegations cannot be disproved Don Gutierrez, Minister of Honduras, must be held guilty of having conspired with Mr. Lefevre and others to defraud the British public. There cannot be any question that the Government is bound to refuse him any further recognition. His historical account furnishes no satisfactory answer to these charges. The time has arrived when he must be more explicit.

The Prince of Wales' Tour.

Yesterday the baggage of the Prince of Wales, together with that of his suite, plate, presents, &c., were shipped. The vessel goes to Spithead to-morrow, and will make a six hours' trial trip. On Saturday she will sail for Brindisi, Italy, where it has been decided the Prince of Wales will embark instead of from Venice.

FRANCE.

The Voting System.

PARIS, September 23.—*Le Temps* confirms the reports that the Government has determined to make the introduction of the system of voting by arrondissements instead of departments, a Cabinet question. *Le Temps* adds that President MacMahon declared at a Cabinet meeting that he could be no longer in favor of electoral dissolution of the Assembly if that body adopted the system of voting by departments.

WEST INDIES,
Vomito in Cuba.

HAVANA, September 23.—Senor Caxelano Bonafax, Secretary of the Treasury, died on the morning of the 18th inst., of vomito.

Sharkey.

Sharkey, the murderer, attempted to escape from the Kingston steamer as she touched ports on the north coast of Cuba, and has been brought back to this city.

AFFLICTED MISSISSIPPI.

"White Liners" Again Creating Trouble.

A Movement Against the State Administration.

An Injunction to Prevent the Payment of Militia.

MEMPHIS, September 23.—The following special was received to-night from Jackson, Mississippi: One company of whites was mustered into the service of the State to-night. It is composed and controled by well known Democrats. They had adjourned to select officers. Two colored companies presented themselves this morning. The rolls not being made out, they were not mustered in. The white companies were very much exercised at the idea of the State receiving colored assistance. Hence but one white company presented itself.

A movement has been made to-day against the State administration, its object being to prevent the organization of militia. The white limers have served an injunction upon the Auditor of Public Accounts, restraining him from paying any portion of the militia appropriation. The petitioner sets forth that this is a time of peace, no riots or insurrections, etc. Thus have the administration opponents again endeavored to prevent a peaceable and fair election. J. Z. George, Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee, is solicitor for the petitioner. By injoining the small sum appropriated for State militia, they think to prevent an organization whereby the State can enforce law and order.

Sheriff Parker, of Amiti county, officially informs the Governor that an armed body of men from Louisiana on the 18th inst. was halted by pickets. They informed the Sheriff that their force consisted of one hundred men, armed with Winchester rifles.

NEW ORLEANS, September 23.—An injunction was granted to-day by Chief Justice Pritton (Republican), restraining the Auditor from paying out money for the support of the militia that Gov. Ames proposes to call out. The petitioners claim that the Governor's proceedings to muster into active service a regiment each of white and blacks is to produce a conflict. The injunction is based on the acknowledged fact that perfect peace and order prevail throughout the State, and that mustering militia into service was but creating a standing army of State troops in violation of the Constitution. The injunction does not interfere with the power of the Government to call out the militia to suppress disorders should any occur. The citizens' offers of aid to suppress disorders have not been withdrawn, but were not accepted by the Governor.

The Following Stocks

Will be sold Friday evening, September 24, at 7:30 o'clock, at Thomas F. Stewart's Sales Rooms, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street:

25 shares Exchange National Bank.
25 shares People's National Bank.
100 shares Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Co.
70 shares Cash Insurance Co.
1 One thousand dollar share Germania Bank.
100 shares Penn Insurance Co.
30 shares Armenia Insurance Co.
40 shares Smithfield National Bank, and other stocks.

THOMAS F. STEWART,
Auctioneer.

Notice to the Trade.

The soap manufacturers of Pittsburgh and vicinity have advanced the price half a cent on soap and candles, on and after this date, owing to the high price of tallow.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Bank of California is called for October 5th.

—The Secretary of the Treasury has tendered the appointment of Collector of Customs at Chicago to J. Russell Jones.

—Dr. Norton, a dentist of Amesbury, Mass., was called out of his house on Thursday morning to attend a patient, when he was shot at twice and wounded, and afterwards chloroformed and robbed of a gold watch and one hundred and sixty five dollars. The chances are in favor of his recovery.

—Frank Mullins, mate of the steamer Illinois, died at Memphis on Thursday morning from injuries inflicted some weeks since at Vicksburg by a negro named Clay, who struck him over the head with a bar of iron. Clay is in jail there to answer for assault with intent to kill. Mullins leaves a wife and three children.

—The *habeas corpus* case of Col. John A. Joyce came up in the United States Circuit Court in St. Louis on Thursday, and was ordered to stand over till Monday next. Judge Miller stated, however, that he knew no reason why the prisoner could not give bail there without being required to go to Jefferson City for that purpose.

—The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the New Orleans chamber in its adoption of twelve per cent., or actual tare, in hogsheads of Louisiana plantation sugar. The resolution was accompanied by the endorsement of over one hundred grocers, who agree to instruct their agents or commission merchants to purchase for them on no other terms.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····The Xantha and Iron City clubs play at Union Park this afternoon.

····The epizootic now prevailing in New York has not reached Pittsburgh.

····Tramps are already commencing to seek lodgings in the city police stations.

····A new schedule will go into effect on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Road next Sunday.

····The melodious tinkle of the shiny bell-punch will soon be heard on the Wylie and Center avenue passenger railway.

····A large number of persons left yesterday for Altoona, to attend the annual Convention of the Y. M. C. Associations.

····The little child of James McNally, Esq., of Penn avenue, which was severely burned a few days ago, died on Wednesday night.

····The Frohs'n Society are rehearsing an opera which they intend to bring out some time in November, the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

····The will of Jacob Balzer was filed with Register Gray yesterday by Squire Hoerr. Michael Erwein is named executor of the instrument which is dated June 28, 1875.

····A committee has been appointed by the citizens of the Fifteenth ward to visit the schools every month to ascertain the progress which is being made, and the manner of conducting the schools.

····The Expert club, of Harrisburg, has signified its acceptance of the proposition of the Xanthas, that the gate receipts be divided equally, and the clubs play at Union Park some day next week.

····While the guests of the Young Men's Home, on Duquesne Way, were seated at dinner yesterday, a portion of the ceiling fell, frightening away the appetites for their dinners and completely spilling the dishes on the table.

····It is probable that Patrick Conway and wife, who reside at No. 148 Cherry alley, will be allowed to adopt the little child which was left at the Union Depot on Wednesday morning, a notice of which was made in our issue of yesterday.

····The following Pittsburghers were among those registered at the Philadelphia hotels on Wednesday: J. H. Walter, Thos. H. Hunter, W. H. Shoenberger, Alex Fraw, J. G. McCandless, C. K. Lewis, A. H. Rose, C. H. Moriedge, J. M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John Hugs, A. J. Scott, W. J. Sewell, J. T. J. Brown.

····At the meeting of the Humane Society yesterday afternoon, Superintendent Street reported that he was yet taking vigorous measures against the butchers, who still persist in violating the law by ill treating cattle in their charge. The society has recently received documents from England, Scotland and Italy, showing that it has not only made itself useful in Allegheny county, but has gained a reputation across the sea.

····A Gymnasium has been built on Colbin's avenue, East End, which is controlled by an association, of which the following are the officers: President, E. Clark; Secretary, Clark Thurmer; H. Mohler; Managers, Messrs. Clark, H. B. Mohler, A. K. Scott, W. Furguson, L. Kuhn, G. Able, E. Kuhn, H. McCune, and W. Blake. Business meetings are held on Wednesday and Saturday nights of each week.

····The Washington and Mt. Vernon excursion party, which left yesterday, numbered about one hundred and fifty persons; thirty-five were taken in at Connellsville, making the whole number on the train one-hundred and eighty-five. The train was pulled by engine No. 129 and seven elegant passenger coaches, and forty miles an hour was fixed upon as the maximum rate of speed. The programme, as already published, will be carried out, and the excursion promises to be a pleasant one. The only exenrsionist at Mt. Vernon will get a little hatchet. The train will pull up in the city again Saturday evening about eleven o'clock.

····"Rover" Coulson, according to the *Telegraph*, is gaining an unsavory reputation by accepting evidences of the friendly feeling of fellow officers in the shape of cigars, which he puts in his pocket, and then when he observes the one who gave it to him smoking forthwith reports him to the Mayor for violation of the rule which prohibits smoking while on duty. That is a poor, mean way of currying favor with the Mayor. The patrolman who will pull at his "baby" while in active service should be reported, but the one who does the reporting should have too much self-respect to receive a favor and return the kindness by having the officer suspended for a number of days.

PERSONAL.

···Mr. John H. Page, of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, is in the city.

···Wm. Semple, Esq., has just returned from Cincinnati, where he took a peep at the Exposition.

···Mr. R. B. Brown, chairman of the Water Committee, after an extended ramble, is home again.

···Miss Lilly Hurst, the editor of the Circleville, Ohio, *Herald*, has accepted the invitation of the Press Reception Committee to be present at the Exposition.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Two Engines Badly Wrecked—No One Injured.

Yesterday morning a collision took place on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Brinton Station, a few minutes before seven o'clock, which resulted in wrecking the engine of the Cincinnati express train coming toward this city, as well as that of an accommodation train.

The following account of the affair is furnished by the railroad authorities: The first section of the Cincinnati express went yesterday morning ran into the side of the Brinton accommodation engine, just west of Brinton Station, at 7:06. The express was about on time, and the engineer of the accommodation was pulling out on the main track, when he should have remained on the siding. When he discovered his mistake he could not get back on the siding, and the engine of the express ran into the side of the accommodations engine and tank. There was no person injured on either train. The accident caused a delay of over two hours in the arrival of all trains. The matter is to be investigated, in order that the party or parties to blame may be dealt with accordingly.

Immense Waste!!!

The amount of money annually wasted in the purchase of inferior goods, by inexperienced buyers, is enormous. The right time has come. The public rejoice, I have annihilated the prices. Look and read:

Honest suits for everybody at $10 00.
Good business suits at $10 50.
Choice diagonal suits at $15 00.
Fine dress suits at $20 00.
Pantaloons for labor at $1 50.
Pantaloons for business wear at $3 50.
Pantaloons for dress wear at $5 00.
Youths' and boys' suits at the same low rates. No fear of having my prices copied or imitated; they are altogether too low.

QUALITY AND PRICES.

Believing that the quality and prices of clothing are matters not unworthy of the scrutiny of prudent men, T. Tobias, the People's Clothier, Big No. 13 Sixth, street, invites the attention of that class of the community to my new stock of fine Fall Clothing for gentlemen and boys.

P. S.—Will make suits or overcoats to order, in good style, for $10 less than any Eastern house can make them. Nothing but imported goods used in the custom department.

T. TOBIAS, Big No. 13, Sixth street.

A Full Line

of notions and fancy goods; special inducements to city and country merchants are offered in these goods at J. D. Thompson & Co.'s 176 and 178 Wood street.

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

United States District Court.

(Before Judge McCandless.)

Alex. and John A. Dickey, bankrupts, Allegheny City. Argument on application for injunction against execution creditors. Decision reserved.

J. & Ira B. Duncan, Beaver county, and Robert B. Edgar, same county. On petition of assignee, rules were granted on Speyerer & Co., bankers, and the Beaver Deposit Bank, to show cause why they should not refund to the estate the amount of dividends alleged to be overpaid.

W. C. Slaughterbeck, Allegheny City. Injunction granted against J. W. Graham, W. H. Storrett and Agnes Slaughterbeck.

Concord Savings Bank, Butler county, alleged bankrupt. Restraining order as to J. Y. Foster was dissolved so far as it effects his judgment against H. P. Conway and W. H. Finlin, and continued as to other judgments.

John Flucker, Luzerne county. Voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed. Usual order made and referred to Register Willard.

Jacob Stanfield, Butler county. Voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed. Usual order made and referred to Register Shafer. On petition filed, a restraining order was granted against certain execution creditors.

J. B. Sneathen & Co., vs. the proceeds of the freight of the steam tug Tom Rees. The Commissioner's report of distribution was presented and confirmed *nisi*.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.

(Before Judge Sterrett.)

The jury found for defendant in the case of Bennett vs. Dollar Savings Bank previously reported.

A verdict for plaintiff for $857 46 was returned in the case of W. M. Abrams, trustee of the Citizens' Savings Bank of East Brady, Pa., vs. George Nesenthaler; an action on a promissory note.

Michael Munson vs. the Penn avenue Building and Loan Association. Verdict for plaintiff for $185 38.

John McLaren vs. Samuel R. Fullerton; action to recover moneys alleged to be due. On trial.

The account of Madison Bailey, trustee of Cornell and Werling, was presented and filed and publication ordered, said account to be confirmed on October 16th, unless exceptions be filed prior to that date.

Trial List for To-day.

Steele vs. Trunick et al.
Weichsel vs. Taylor.
Sweeney vs. Bigley.
Richardson vs. Welsh & Co.
Chambers vs. Miller.
Eisler vs. Shallenberger et al.
Rote vs. Bracken.
Collins vs. Coal Bluff Coal Co.
Cincinnati *Gazette* Co. vs. S. A. Clark et al.
England et al., vs. Boreland.
Hughes et al., vs. Gaffey et al.
Reese, H. W. and M. B. & L. Asso.
Yoeghly vs. Goettman.
Brown vs. Farrell et al.
Joan vs. Scanlon.
Partridge vs. Downer.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.

(Before Judge Ewing.)

The jury in the case of Anna Maria Graw, executrix of Jacob Graw, deceased, vs. Wm. Putsch, a *scire facias* on a mechanic's lien, found for the plaintiff for $536, subject to the decision of the question of law reserved for the Court in banc.

The jury found for plaintiff for $356 19, in the case of Sausser, Dangler & Co. vs. W. A. Barr & Bro; an action to recover for slating.

O'Neil & Rook vs. D. W. Evans, an action to recover for advertising. Verdict for plaintiffs for $333 37.

The case of Wm. L. Buetler vs. Alex. T. Cassidy, an action of ejectment, is on trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Hughes et al. vs. the Chicago and Pittsburg Mining Company.
Howell vs. Howell.
Lorenz, for use, vs. Lorenz.
Fosters & Struthers vs. the Nation Trust Company.
Leonard et al. vs. Moss et al.
Clark vs. Roth & Gan.
Colwell vs. Johnson.
Mechling, trustee, vs. Wray.
Johnson vs. Johnson et al.
Jones vs. McGinnis.
Addington vs. Same.
Thomas vs. Warren.

Criminal Court.

(Before Judge White.)

Alexander McGill was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, preferred by John M. Meghan, and the costs were divided.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Mary Starr, indicted for larceny and receiving stolen goods, on oath of Susan Craig, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal.

In the case of William McAuliff, charged with felonious assault, on oath of M. Harrison, the jury found out. McAuliff, one of the seconds, was present, and "Paddy's" determination to spoil the sport seems to have aroused him and incensed him against "Paddy." McAuliff fired one or two shots at "Paddy," it is alleged, and immediately both the Whites turned upon him and he was obliged to flee. While he was being pursued by "Bull" White, he fired at the latter. Later in the house all by "Bull" met McAuliff on the street, and shot him through the lung. While McAuliff was lying at his boarding house, an officer went to arrest him, but one of McAuliff's friends met him at the door and informed him that the wounded man could not be moved. The officer hesitated, and McAuliff took advantage of the time to get out the back way and make his escape, which he succeeded in doing. Subsequently a report came to this city that McAuliff had died in Philadelphia. This after turned proved a canard, and McAuliff soon after turned up and was captured.

John Apper, Jr., is on trial on a charge of larceny. The prosecutor is John Pinschiner.

Edward McCaffrey, indicted for misdemeanor under the livery act, charged by James McPhilliamy. Jury out.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.
John Arpley, Amelia Yunker, 3.
Adam Brown, John Yunker, 4.
Jack McCloskey, James Lamerd.
Frank Dorsey et al., John Hughes.
Aug. Wagner, James Kelly.
J. J. White, 2. John Kane.
Aug. Brown, Abraham Cole.
Philip Goetel, 3. Mary A. Dennistson, 2.
Frank Johnston. David Smith.
Wm. Sandham. James Berreford, 2.
Aug. Weisser.

Court Brevities.

FIVE prisoners were removed from the county jail yesterday to the Work House they having been sentenced to that institution during the present week.

JONES BROS., merchant tailors, brought an action in the Common Pleas Court No. 2 yesterday vs. David C. Stewart et al. members of the Braddocks Fields Brass Band for a balance of $197,10, alleged to be due on uniforms furnished the defendents by the plaintiffs.

A BILL in equity was filed in the Common Pleas Court No. 2 yesterday by Robert Douglass vs. John Smith et al. praying for an injunction to restrain the defendants, who are Supervisors of the public road in Snowden township, from tearing down a certain fence which belongs to the plaintiff.

A SUMMONS in partition was issued out of the Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday at the instance of James E. Schwartz vs. Mary Ann Hazlett et al. for the division of certain lands in the Fourth ward, Allegheny, also a lot in Five ward, Pittsburgh. The summons was made returnable the first Monday in November.

AN information is about to made before a United States Commissioner in this city against Martin Miller, a young man of Clarion county, who is charged with robbing the mails. The young man referred to is a carrier of the United States mails in Clarion county, and it is alleged that he broke open a bag entrusted to his care and abstracted a letter containing a check for $130. It is further alleged that he forged the name of the party to whom it was made payable, and presenting it, procured thereon twelve dollars, and was to procure the balance the following day, when the fraud was discovered. The carrier was arrested on a charge of forgery, and is now in jail.

CRIME IN THE CITY.

Brief Mention of Minor Offenses and Petty Criminalities.

DAVID HOPKINS was committed by Mayor Hoerr, of the South Side, yesterday, to answer to a charge of burglary. The prosecutor was Harry Brinker.

SQUIRE J. MC. SNODGRASS, of Braddock's Field, committed Manuel Von Sharo yesterday to await a hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill, preferred by Mrs. C. A. Teeter, of Wilkins township.

JOHN K. SEIGWART, of Pinley township, was fined ten dollars and costs yesterday, by Alderman McKenna, at the instance of Superintendent Street, of the Humane Society, for maliciously lodging a charge of shot in the shoulder of a cow belonging to a neighbor.

A WARRANT was issued for the arrest of John Kearns, who was charged with felonious assault and battery by Paul Rossman before Deputy Mayor Shaffer, of the South Side, yesterday. The allegations are that the defendant attempted to cut the plaintiff with a knife as he was going along Carson street on Wednesday night, for which he was unable to assign any cause.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The average modern French play is of but little worth. The "Romance of a Poor Young Man," adapted for the stage from a book written a number of years ago by Octave Feuillet is, however, an exception to the rule. Unlike such dramas as "Article 47," "Camille," "La Femme de Feu," and others of that trashy sort, it is healthy and pure in sentiment and tone, and is unquestionably of the very highest order of merit. It is full of unexpected and surprising situations, and the spectator finds himself wholly unable, when witnessing one act or scene, to correctly conjecture what will follow. It ends, though, in the orthodox way. Notwithstanding the fact that it is a society play, thoroughly French in every respect, it is free from words and ideas even

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FOR STATE TREASURER,
HENRY RAWLE.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF,
RICHARD H. FIFE.
FOR CONTROLLER,
HENRY WARNER.
FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
JAMES G. MURRAY.
FOR RECORDER,
RALPH J. RICHARDSON.
FOR REGISTER,
JOSEPH H. GRAY.
FOR CLERK OF THE COURTS,
WM. H. McCLEARY.
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
JOHN McCLELLAND.
AUGUSTUS BECKERT.
FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR,
JAMES W. BELL.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 28f.

BONDS at Frankfort, new 5s, 100¼.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 116¾.

THE fuller details of the storm in Texas show it to have been attended with the most devastating effects. Unlike most events of the character, the details are far more terrible than those at first received. A more destructive storm has rarely visited our country.

PRESIDENT GRANT and party passed through this city yesterday morning, in a special car, on his way to St. Louis, and thence to Colorado. He will return about the middle of October, and will spend a day at our Industrial Exposition. He is in excellent health, apparently.

IT turns out that PIOLETTE was a canal contractor at the time when one of our State canals was being constructed. The canal thus referred to was severely condemned by ex-Governor BIGLER, as extravagant and costly, owing to the jobbery of the contractors. PIOLETTE had no less than eight of these contracts. A beautiful subject he, to manage the finances of the State.

THE Philadelphia *Times* intimates that it favors the Democratic ticket, in part, because the Republicans propose to defer resumption beyond 1879. If consistent in this declaration, why does it not distinctly make it the issue? If it will pledge the Democracy to an attempt to enforce resumption, that party will go under in Western Pennsylvania so deep that no plummet will ever find it.

THE Reading *Times* says Governor HARTRANFT's fine military record during the war, his executive ability, and fidelity to the interests of all the people of the State, added to his personal integrity, make him the most popular Governor Pennsylvania has ever had. Of his re-election there is no doubt; every day he grows stronger, and the only question now is for the people to give him a large majority, one that will show how well they appreciate a good Governor.

THE riffle in New Haven over the erasure of a clause from the city school report, in deference to the Roman Catholic parochial schools, resulted in a very large vote at the election of School Board on Monday, and the return of the Protestant ticket. The poll was 4,058; the successful men, Samuel Hemingway, present member, George H. Watrous and Frank Tyler, received from 2,100 to 2,890 votes; the next three received from 1,300 to 1,700. The result is indicative of the steady regard of the American people for their common school system.

THE *Post* is rapidly reaching the position of downright stupidity. An illustration of our remark is found in the attempt to create the impression that we, with other Republican journals, fear to meet the municipal question. A short time since we invited the *Post* to open out on that subject, agreeing to canvass every essential point it might raise. We drove it from several lying statements, and eventually offered to prove that a good share of any extravagance that may exist in this city is wrought by Democratic contractors. The *Post* dried up just then, and waited till it supposed we had forgotten what had been said, and now is running its old insinuations just as though they were original, and had not been replied to. This may be bright and smart, but is generally accepted as stupid. A man that repeats exploded assertions always ranks as a bore.

THE political canvass, in Ohio, is one of great animation, and grows warmer and warmer as the election draws near. The most eminent speakers of both parties are engaged, and nightly meeting very largely attended are held in every county in the State. The deepest interest is manifested by the people of every shade of politics to quietly hear both sides, so that a dispassionate judgment can be arrived at by the time they are called upon to cast their ballots. The mere personnel of the men, who are up for office, is entirely ignored in discussions, the records of the candidates and their political principles being properly thought to be the true grounds for discussion. From all indications that can be gathered the Republican ticket will be elected by a good majority, as the feeling is fast growing of the utter impracticability—not to say criminality—of the wild inflation schemes of the Democracy. The solid, substantial men of the State, the farmers and workingmen—indeed all classes, are open in their expressions of disapprobation of the unlimited and unrestrained issue of irredeemable paper money. The very wildness and barbarousness of the scheme to flood the country with this class of currency has had the proper effect, and there is little doubt that the overthrow of the Democracy, which urges it, is certain.

EVEN Spain, with a Bourbon on the throne, seems disposed to resent Catholic interference in State educational affairs. The demands of the Pope have been so rigid, and exclusive toward Protestant schools, that the Government realizes that it cannot give them effect. The official representing the Spanish Government at Rome has been decided and earnest in representing the difficulties of his Government, and the Pope will be compelled to recede from his strong demands. Such events should serve to fully remind the adherents of the Roman Church that they are treading on dangerous ground in assailing the educational systems of the day. It is not merely in this country and Germany that there is such intense hostility to Churchly interference in Public School affairs, but the same feeling is spreading everywhere. To us, regarded merely as a policy, it would be much better for the Catholic Church to promptly ignore this subject, and seek by other methods to keep abreast the demands of the age. The day is past when the Catholic Church can successfully run a tilt against the Governments of the world. The tendencies of the age are toward education, and while, in this country, we do not object to the Catholics having such schools of their own as they may choose, neither here nor elsewhere will its policy of interference in public education be at all permitted.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENED.

The meeting last night, at Lafayette Hall, the real opening of the political canvass in this county, was large, intelligent and enthusiastic. Senator MORTON's address was a masterly effort, which appealed wholly to the reason of his hearers, and, if we are to judge of the result by the frequent outbursts of approval, the address was a decided success. His explanation of the greenback—its history, its status, so to speak, as a representative of value, not money itself—and his complete review of the national legislation on the currency and present banking system, fully answered the arguments of the opposition not only, but completely set at naught their absurd, wild Communistic theories of inflation. Democracy was made to appear in its true colors in this regard, and its inconsistencies and absurdities were made clear and transparent as noon-day. We greatly regret that every honest Democrat in the county, every one who wishes to cast his vote for the future prosperity of his country, and for the building up of the depressed affairs of business and manufacturing in this and other places, could not have listened to the eloquent speaker on this all important topic.

Senator MORTON has one peculiar and marked characteristic, which is made fully apparent in every address he makes. He always gives his hearers something new to think about; some original thought, or budget of thoughts rather, evolved from a close and thorough study of passing events in our history, and from our national legislation and its theories and supposed consequences. In this he fully establishes his reputation as a statesman and a profound thinker. The attention of his audience, after having been called to the fact that about eighty ex-rebel officers had been elected to Congress, was directed to the question, what the nature of the legislation would likely be, in case Democracy should gain ascendency in the Senate and Executive chair. Would they continue to vote pensions to the Union soldiers, their widows and orphans, unless a like gratuity should be extended to the Southern soldiers? The question was quite pertinent, in view of the fact that power had been voted into hands which were recently in rebellion against the Government. At the South political promotion, social standing, respectability itself, depended upon whether a man was a rebel soldier, or a civilian working with and in unison with the leaders of the rebellion; and yet, in the face of this obvious fact, and in full view that promotion at the South depends upon faithful service given to the rebellion, Northern Democracy presumes to cry out—"the war is over; let bygones be bygones." This is not the case at the South. There, to be known as a Union man—among the hosts of Democracy—is to be ostracised, socially as well as politically.

The address throughout was a masterly one, and was listened to through an hour and three-quarters by the vast audience with scarcely an interruption. We congratulate the able speaker and the party which claims him, and feel that could his thoughts be made to reach the masses, the wild, absurd attempts at repudiation of National obligations by the Democratic party, and their foolish theories on finance, would be blown to the winds, as they should be.

Now that the campaign has been opened, we trust the Committee will follow up this auspicious beginning, and furnish the people with addresses from other leading and truly great men, to the end that they may be fully instructed on the all-absorbing national question of finance, upon which there appears to be such a wide diversity of feeling, if not downright ignorance.

LIFE INSURANCE.

The suggestions made in the Life Insurance Convention, now in session in New York, cannot fail to draw immediate and earnest attention to the equities involved in life policies. Usually, the applications for policies are made out rapidly by the agent, the candidate answering a long list of questions, which are, more or less, confusing. The policy comes, and it has about it so many limitations and safeguards for the insurer, and so few for the insured, that the advantages are all on one side. It is declared by the commissioners referred to, that all this is the result of a deliberate plan, the object being to put the holders of policies at as great a disadvantage as possible. There has been a blind apprehension of this among the people, for a time past, but we have never seen it so definitely stated before. The people, indeed, have been losing faith in life insurance, not that the system, in itself, is not well enough, but the method of conducting it is at fault. The net result of the business, during the past year, was a loss, in the aggregate of policies. Some of these legitimately closed, by the death of the holders, but the great majority lapsed, either because of inability to pay premiums, or from the abandonment of life insurance, by the parties concerned.

It is very properly urged that equalizing legislation should be had, whereby life companies will be compelled to make equitable contracts with the people. Since the Courts have decided that the suicide clause does not avail, unless it be clearly proven that the person was sane at the time of taking his life, clauses have been inserted in policies to the effect, that sane or insane, suicide shall invalidate the policy. It is proposed by the Commissioners that a law shall be enacted that after five annual payments on the account of premium, a policy shall be non-forfeitable, and payable at death, no matter how that death may occur. The equity of this is palpable. Five payments are the best possible evidence of good faith on the part of the insured. And even were a question answered erroneously, five years of payments are enough to invalidate the error. In brief, it should be made into law, that where five annual payments have been made, no excuse, or peculiarity in the policy, or manner of death of the insured, or any cause whatever, except the insolvency of a company, should prevent the payment of the policy.

The readiness with which many companies contest the payments of policies, wearying parties out in suits at law, or by threats of contests at law, coupel a compromise by which a small proportion of the amount called for in the policy is paid, has brought life insurance into very general disrepute. There is a very general belief, among the people, that there are not ten honest life insurance companies in the entire country. The parade of figures made, showing assets, ranging up into the millions, does not serve to remove this sense of distrust. The readiness of companies with large assets to contest small policies, does not argue the valid accumulation of assets. And hence, a policy of insurance has lost its negotiable character, which once made it, in a measure, security for debts. The feeling is, that however honestly the holder acted, some whim on the part of the company, or a purpose to deliberately evade the payment of the policy, may compel a suit at law, with its expense, annoyance and delay, before the face of the policy is realized. When, in addition to what is seen in the directions named, we add that a seeming extravagance in building, ostentation in display, and an unduly liberal compensation is made to officers, we may readily imagine why confidence in life insurance is being steadily undermined.

The remedy for this is in some such course as that proposed by the Commissioners. A law should be enacted, compelling insurance companies to deal with rigid fairness, with their policy holders. Many of our life insurance companies have grown up into strong affairs, and like all strong moneyed institutions, are becoming soulless. Their interests, not those of the insured; their welfare,—not that of families dependent on a hard earned policy for the pittance it brings,—is what is considered. The time has come for a change, and unless it is speedily made, the whole fabric of life insurance will be made to totter and fall. The anger of the companies toward the Commissioner of this State, because he holds them to a rigid accountability, is one of the evidences that there is need of stern, strong measures toward them. We cannot afford to permit life insurance, in which so much of the hard earnings of the people is invested, fall into a mere swindling affair; and yet this is its tendency. To load policies with conditions, many of which are not read, and few of which are understood, and afterward use them to evade payment, is little short of swindling.

POLITICAL NOTES.

THE Democratic Treasurer of Somerset county, Me., stole $2,893 of the public money, and his bondsmen paid the amount.

THE Hon. D. W. Voorhees, of Indiana, will take the stump for soft money in Ohio on October 4, and will roar continuously from that time to the end of the campaign.

THE women candidates for County Superintendents of Schools in California fared badly in the late election, only one having been successful, so far as heard from.

MR. LAFAYETTE LANE, a son of General "Joe" Lane, who, in 1860, ran for Vice President on a ticket with the late J. C. Breckinridge, is the Democratic candidate for Congress in Oregon.

WARREN county Republican ticket: Register and Recorder, W. J. Alexander; Commissioners, E. R. Wheelock, Myron Durham; District Attorney, William Schnur; Auditors, E. A. Spencer, Henry Baxter.

THE Worcester *Spy* counts up 155 delegates thus far for Rice, eighty-six for Loring, thirty-four for Charles Francis Adams, and fifty-three uninstructed. It thinks it by no means improbable that Mr. Adams will be nominated as a compromise candidate.

THE Opposition papers call it defamation of character to expose the public and private records of the nominees of the Erie Convention. Well, they may call it what they please, but it can be safely said that the more these records are exposed the more damaging they will become.

A LEADING, straightout Democrat, of Schuylkill, who despises all boiters, says that Pershing will be beaten 1,000 in that county. The friends of Judge Ryan, the regular Democratic nominee for Judge in 1872, and who was beaten by Pershing, the Bolters' candidate, bear him no good will, and will pay him back for defeating the regular party nominee.

COL. PAUNCEFOUS PIOLETTE intends to open the campaign, upon his part, by addressing the people at Clearfield on the 28th. We trust that Piolett will embrace this opportunity to throw some light upon that period when he was skirmishing about Fishing Creek, drilling the rebels who resisted the draft, and serving coffin notices upon loyal people.—*Phila. Bulletin.*

ONE of the most astonishing things, perhaps next only to the nomination of Greeley for President, to the Democracy of this section was the nomination of Vic. Piolette for State Treasurer. It fell like a thunderbolt into the Democratic camp. At first it was received with incredulity, but when at length it was confirmed, a heavy gloom settled down on the Democratic countenance, which has not yet been dispelled. Very many at once boldly declared that they would not vote for him. Vic. is an old stager in politics, having from childhood been a professional office-seeker. He is well know here, having been beaten for Congress in this district three or four times.—*Bloomsburg Republican.*

PERSONAL.

MRS. TILTON is living with her mother in Brooklyn.

NINE widows of Revolutionary soldiers are still drawing pensions at Hartford, Conn.

DR. LINDERMAN, Director of the Mint, has returned to Washington from his visit to the Pacific coast.

MR. THOMAS PAXSON, the father of Judge Paxson, of our Supreme Bench, is living in Bucks county, at the ripe old age of 80.

NEWS comes from abroad of the betrothal of our countrywoman, Mrs. Moulton, to Mr. de Hagermann-Lindencone, the Danish minister at Washington during several years.

IT is remarkable that the three Yale men who have died during vacation all met unnatural deaths. Mr. Wood, '68, shot himself; Mr. Crowell, Sheffield Scientific School, '76, was drowned, and Mr. Grinnell, '75, was killed by a base ball.

CAPT. JAMES IREDELL WADDELL, formerly of the Shenandoah, is now in command of one of the Pacific Mail steamers, and the Raleigh (N. C.) *News* says that he is the only one of the old Southern officers of the Navy who is now in charge of a vessel.

THE administrators on the estate of Cyrus Wakefield, of Wakefield, Mass., have declared a second dividend of six per cent., making a total of ninety-six per cent., and will probably declare another of three per cent. His assets and liabilities each amounted to nearly $5,000,000.

MRS. KEACH, an old lady—nearly eighty—exhibited at the late fair in Washington county, New York, a piece of worsted work six feet long and four broad, representing the death of George Douglas on the battle-field, after he had slain Mary, Queen of Scots, to escape from Lochlevin Castle. Mrs. Keach worked ten hours each day for eighteen months upon the embroidery. The work contains twenty figures of men, women and horses, and required 1,857,600 stitches.

SERGEANT PLUNKETT, of Worcester, is thoroughly convinced that this is a world of disappointments. Hearing that General Burnside was intending to pass through Worcester on Friday, Mr. Plunkett determined to give him a reception. Accordingly he ordered a generous collation at the Bay State House, invited a large number of guests, and engaged the loudest brass band to be had. The feast was spread, the guests assembled, and the band began to cover itself with glory, but instead of the illustrious General, there came only a brief telegram, saying he was detained by sickness in his family.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THERE are nearly 1,000,000 more women than men in Germany.

THE failure of Drake & Colby, grain exporters of New York, is announced.

THE Peekskill (N. Y.) Iron and Mining has passed into the hands of Thompson J. S. Flint as Receiver. The liabilities are $150,000.

A MAN seventy years old is to be hanged at Cleburne, Texas, on the first Friday of October. He has asked for three hours in which to deliver a speech on the gallows.

THE house of James Rutan, West Tottenville, Staten Island, was burned on Wednesday. Rutan's aged mother was burned to death. The remainder of the family escaped in their night clothes.

THE treaty of peace between the Colombian Government and the rebellious coast States has been signed by the President of the Colombia and also by the Presidents of all the States lately in insurrection.

JACOB LOUDEN stepped in front of a train at Bennington, N. H., on Wednesday, and was instantly killed. Poverty and poor health are supposed to be the cause of the act. He leaves a wife and four children. A daughter lay dead in the house when he committed suicide.

AT Piermont, N. H., a man named Cotting was awakened by a tramp, who with a cocked pistol demanded his money. Cotting directed the tramp to the bureau, containing $700, and the tramp laid down his pistol to search, when Cotting seized his pistol and shot the tramp dead.

THE principal coal companies in New York have raised the prices ten cents per ton. The Delaware & Hudson and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Companies agreed to suspend shipments to competitive points for two weeks, confining their business during that time to their Western and local trade.

THE feature of the Newton Creek Regatta on Wednesday was an eight-oared barge race between married and single crews. The bachelors won, beating their competitors by three lengths, much to the delight of the single ladies present, who signified their intention to do their best to induce the victors to change their boat next year.—*N. Y. Herald.*

THE Cleveland *Leader* gives an account of a horrible case of cruelty and murder at Newburg, where a father and mother deliberately imprisoned a half-witted child in a barn and permitted him to die of starvation and exposure. The guilty parents are Patrick Kanen and his wife. They are in good circumstances, having property worth from five to ten thousand dollars. They have been locked up to await the result of the Coroner's jury.

THE *Ohio Journal* chronicles a frightful accident which occurred near Central College on Thursday last. A young man with three young ladies were riding after a spirited team, when the breaking of the neap while they were riding down a steep hill, frightened the horses, causing them to run away at a furious speed, throwing one of the ladies, named Peters, in front of the dashboards, Her foot caught in the spring, and in this position, with head downward, she was dragged a distance of half a mile. Her brains were beaten out by the hors es' hoofs, her bones broken and her body nearly denuded of clothing. The remainder of the party were thrown out of the vehicle, and one, a sister to the above, seriously injured.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

The Revival of Spiritualism—The Mistletoe Collision — Captain Webb—Miss Beckwith—Marine Disasters—The Loss of the Vanguard—The Desert of Sahara and the International Tunnel—The Arctic Expedition—Gossip About Art Matters and Books.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

LONDON, September 4, 1875.

I know of no subject, apart from topics of momentary interest, more talked of just now than Spiritualism. It is preached against from many pulpits, while from almost as many, especially some of those of the Church of England, it is referred to with more or less of recommendation. Many clergymen regard it as a sort of choice cutting which they graft upon the old stock of Christianity. It is in this way that Spiritualism is making most of its converts. There is a special form of religion, denying all truth in other churches to which a few fo the lewder sort of believers belong, but it carries no weight; in fact, it is to it that much of the discreditable reputation which accompanies the new doctrines, is due. But the most astonishing result of this great revival of belief in Spiritualism is the apparent ease with which it has met and, in many cases, overcome the forces of Infidelity. I think that I am hardly overstating the matter when I say that a *majority* of the undergraduates and most of the rising men—to say nothing of those who have already risen—in the English and Irish Universities, are skeptics. Many are deists, and a very few are complete atheists, but nearly all are disposed gravely to doubt the doctrine of any life after the world's work is done. To these rationalists, looking for something more tangible than tradition, and doubting the authority of orthodox dogmas, the new revelations, said to have been made through mediums, by spirits, appeared to be very silly and ridiculous for a long time, but within the past year or two some of these unbelievers were induced to investigate the matter as closely and dispassionately as they would the most erudite of Aryan myths, or the most obtruse of Asian mysteries. The result has been simply amazing. Belief in Spiritualism has spread like an epidemic among the scientific colleges at Cambridge; and, even in classic Oxford, it has made itself felt. Trinity College, Cambridge, (of course I refer now to the Dons only) is said to be all Spiritualists, and a singular result is that one now hears men, who have hitherto been leaders among the advanced skeptics, gravely avowing their belief in ghosts, goblins, incubi and other such matters, which have so long been regarded by the world in general as gross mediæval superstitions. Of course the undergraduates have not escaped the contagion, and I think I may say that a large number of the clearest heads (on both young and middle-aged shoulders) in Europe are now engaged in investigating a subject, which claims to be of vital importance, and which has hitherto been accused of being incapable of standing such a test. Of the results of this scrutiny we no doubt shall hear as they are produced.

The Alberta and Mistletoe Affair.

The fatal collision between Her Majesty's yacht "Alberta" and Mr. Heywood's yacht "Mistletoe" is still much talked of. The Coroner's jury has failed to agree; and rumor says that it was pure flunkeyism that frightened the members who wanted to find the officers of the Alberta guilty of manslaughter. The Queen, with a bad taste, not unusual with her, has written a letter, which has been published, expressing her belief that no one on board the Alberta was to blame. There is hardly a doubt that this letter had its influence upon the jury, although the Queen probably knows as little about the matter as you or I do.

Matters connected with water have occupied most of the public attention this week. Indeed I think I might call this letter a mixture of spirits and water, as I have several aquatic incidents to refer to.

Webb's Swimming Feat.

First of all is Captain Webb's really great feat, of swimming from England to France, which has made him the hero of the hour, a hero who has surpassed Leander. Nothing but enormous physical strength and a consummate knowledge of the natatorial art could have sufficed for such a deed, and both of these are combined in Captain Webb. He is a short, blonde man, with a heavy moustache, and a pleasant face. His muscular development is enormous, and his chest, for depth and width, is phenomenal. He is a slow swimmer, and Johnston, the brilliant champion, could swim all around him, but when it comes to endurance, Webb is unequaled, as he has shown in accomplishing this feat in which Johnston utterly failed. I think that one reason of the immense enthusiasm shown in England, about this matter, is the real and sincere delight which Englishmen, as a race, take in all feats of personal strength or skill. I think perhaps another reason may be found in the fact that he is not an American. What with Captain Boyton, Captain Bogardus, the pigeon murderer, and the rifle team, Americans have been taking their seat too far forwards this summer for English taste. I may be utterly wrong in this, but it is curious how often you hear people boasting of Webb as having done, with nothing but true British strength and pluck, what Boyton did with his patent Yankee invention.

Captain Webb's great success has already brought out a sort of rival in the person of a girl, only fourteen years old, named Agnes Beckwith, who swam the other day from London bridge to Greenwich, five miles in one hour and nine minutes, for a wager. When done she appeared to be quiet fresh, and volunteered to swim five miles more for another fifty pounds.

Collisions—The Iron Duke.

Some of the things that have been occurring are more serious than swimming matches, however. There have been two or three vessels lost by collision, and one fishing vessel from Stornoway—so well known to the readers of the Prime Minister—has gone down with six men on board. Four widows and a number of orphans are mourning now in Stornoway.

But for the English world at large, the worst news of the week is that of the sinking of the great ironclad "Vanguard." A fleet of six ironclads has been visiting the principal Irish ports during the past few weeks. Great crowds of people have turned out at every place, and balls, banquets, and all sorts of entertainments have welcomed the officers. On Wednesday morning, the 1st inst., this fleet left Kingstown harbor for Queenstown. There was a dense fog, and after running past the Kish light ship, they reduced their rate of speed to seven knots an hour, because of the danger of collision. Eight miles from Kish the Vanguard saw a large sailing vessel almost directly ahead of her bows. Her helm changed, of course suddenly to avoid running her down, she came in the way of the Iron Duke, invisible on account of the fog, and the result was that the Iron Duke's ram made a hole in the Vanguard's side, and in less than an hour the Vanguard was at the bottom of the sea. Fortunately discipline prevailed over alarm and terror. The officers gave their orders firmly, the men obeyed implicitly, and consequently very few human life was saved, the Iron Duke taking all of the five hundred men on board and taking them back to Kingstown. So thick was the fog that neither of the vessels of the fleet knew nothing of the disaster, and went on their way, first learning the news at Queenstown. There are several lessons to be learned from an accident of this sort, and the journalists of the country are not backward in calling attention to the fact. The first feeling, however, of every one seems to have been one of thankfulness that it was not another "Captain" disaster, and that no lives were lost. The Vanguard was only about four years old, and cost £273,000. She was of 800 nominal horse power, and of six thousands tons displacement. The Iron Duke was a twin ship of the Vanguard. If one little accidental tap given at the speed of seven knots is sufficient to sink one of the best of England's iron clads, what is the use of building iron clads? A wooden vessel would probably have stayed up long after being struck, and in case of war could be more quickly moved than the iron clad, and so might escape a collision. They say that the Germans and French have stopped building iron clads, except for coast defense, and this affair certainly seems to testify very much against their utility.

The Desert of Sahara.

Another watery subject that is a good deal talked about just now is the Desert of Sahara. It is proposed to turn it into a sea. One plan is to overflow it with the salt water of the Mediterranean. This plan, others say, will not have the desired result of fertilizing the borders, and they want the new sea to be made of fresh water drawn from the Nile and other rivers. M. Edmond About, the great French writer, does not want the new sea made at all. Some people think this is because it is an English and not a French idea, but he says that the genial climate of Southern Europe is mainly due to winds which come from the heated Sahara. If cool water takes the place of hot sand, what, he asks, is to come is to become of the South of France?

Miscellaneous Matters.

There seems to be but little doubt now, that work upon the sub-marine tunnel to connect France and England will actually be commenced before very long.

The Arctic Expedition has been heard from at Disco. They had had rough weather but were all right and full of hope. This is the last news that can be expected from them for two or three years, during which time they expect to undergo all sorts of hardships and hope to get actually to the pole overland in sledges.

To come down to a more practical matter. A new street railway car has been successfully tried in Glasgow. Compressed air is, I believe, the motive power; perfect control and ten miles an hour, the result. Three half-pence per mile the cost of the power, which is very cheap when compared with 7d. per mile, the calculated cost of horse power.

Rumors of a war with China are in the air, and it is said that China has been diligently getting her army into condition, and that she will prove a different sort of opponent from Abyssinia, or Ashantee.

Art and Literary Gossip.

And now I shall conclude with such art and literary gossip as I have heard. A statue of our old enemy, Laird, late M. P. for Birkenhead, is about to be raised in Liverpool. His most famous exploit was his building the Alabama.

The Byron Memorial is likely to succeed. It is understood that a sight on the Thames embankment has been granted, and the Greek Government has offered to supply, free of cost in London, any quantity of Pentelic marble that may be desired.

To go from marble to music, Carl Rosa has engaged the Princesses' Theatre, which he is to open on the 11th inst., with English opera better produced in all details than it ever has been before in England. By devoting as much attention to it, and securing as good an orchestra and vocalists as are to be heard in Italian opera here, Mr. Rosa hopes to make English opera, what it has never been, popular in England.

Gounod has, I learn, composed a new oratorio called Ste Genevieve. I have not yet heard of any one having heard it.

Theatricals at this time of year are dull—I know of nothing new in that line. Mr. Charles Matthews is playing at the Gaiety, and Mr. John S. Clarke is at the Haymaket, but they can't be called novelties.

The British Association has been the scientific sensation of the week. It has been holding its annual meeting at Bristol. Its proceedings are too long for me to attempt to epitomize them in a short letter. It is enough to say that they were decorous, and nothing was done to shock the orthodox world, as Prof. Tyndall's address did at their meeting last year. The venerable and renowned Dr. Christison has been chosen to preside at their next meeting, which is to take place at Glasgow.

I cannot hear of many interesting new books. Perhaps the most important announcement is that of the final two volumes of Renan's work on the Early History of Christianity, of which the Life of Christ was the first volume. Professor W. D. Whitney's new work on The Life and Growth of Language, has attracted more attention than any other American scientific book for a long time, if I except that of Professor Fiske.

Henry Kingsley's latest novel "Number Seventeen" is, like most of his later productions, mad and incoherent, but still with marks of genius. In fact they are just what one should expect from the author of Ravenshoe. That dreary funny man, Burnand, has surpassed his own dreariness in his last book "About Buying a Horse." It argues greatly for the stupidity of the modern Briton, when we know that this man's productions are actually regarded as humorous. In these days of spirits I wonder we don't hear of Charles Lamb and Sydney Smith and Douglass Jerrold and Thackeray materializing, for the purpose of groaning over the low estate of English humor.

Dean Goulbourne's writings are not unknown in Pittsburgh, and there are doubtless some of your readers who will be pleased to learn that he has a new volume of short sermons on the life of the prophet Samuel now ready. It is called "The Child Samuel."

From Germany we hear through the literary papers of a new edition of the works of the father of scientific philology, Wilhelm von Humboldt, and also of a new variorum edition of Shakespeare, which Professor Leo, of Berlin, is preparing, and for which he asks contributions from every source. X.

MAN AND WOMAN.

BY VICTOR HUGO.

Man was saying: "How can we,
In our little boats at sea,
Pass the guarda-costas by?"
"Row!" said the woman in reply.

Man was saying: "How forget
Perils that our lives beset,
Strife and poverty's low cry?"
"Sleep!" said woman in reply.

Man was saying: "How be sure
Beauty's favor to secure,
Nor the subtle philtre try?"
"Love!" said woman in reply.

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Daily and Weekly for 1875.
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The Agricultural Department is a prominent feature in the WEEKLY SUN, and its articles will always be found fresh and reliable to the farmer.
The number of men independent in politics is increasing, and the WEEKLY SUN is their paper especially. It belongs to no party, and obeys no dictation, contending for principle, and for the election of the best men. It exposes the corruption that disgraces the country, and the conspiracies for overthrow of republican institutions. It has no fear of knaves, and seeks no favors from their supporters.
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FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, September 24, 1875.

The failure, which we intimated as possible, a few days since, occurred yesterday. It did not, however, affect the general feeling, and we judge, will not. In other respects all was quiet yesterday.

We give place to the following, which, while in the main right and proper, is defective in one or two particulars. President Grant, in his allusions to contraction, simply meant that the growth of business had been regular and steady, and thus had served to actually contract the currency. That is, the currency had become relatively less from the growth of the volume of business:

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In your issue of this morning I see an article or statement from the Cincinnati *Commercial* relating to contraction of the currency, which it seems to me ought not to pass unnoticed.

The statement of the *Commercial* puts the currency in circulation in 1865—bank circulation, legal tenders and fractional currency, at $628,692.

In this statement no mention is made of the compound interest notes, $191,721,470, nor of the demand notes then in circulation, $472,603. Neither does the statement mention the one, two and three year bonds which served as reserves for the banks ($54,610,170). Adding these items, it will be seen that the *Commercial's* figures are just $342,819,243 too low.

The Treasurer of the United States put the circulation on the first day of November, 1865, at $670,240,703, just $241,548,703 more than the *Commercial* figures. Now, contraction of currency absorbed by the South at the close of the war, and we can see very nearly the actual contraction which was made. It is not unreasonable to estimate the amount absorbed by the South at $130,000,000—less than the one-sixth.

Reasoning, therefore, from the *Commercial's* stand point, the contraction was over $231,000,000.

The *Philadelphia North American*, in a very carefully prepared article (about four years ago), put the contraction of the currency at $220,000,000. President Grant, in his message to Congress in 1875, alludes at length to the "great actual contraction of the currency," &c.

Is it a matter of surprise that the withdrawal of so large an amount of circulation should be followed by a financial crash?

SEPT. 21, 1875. B. B. M.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	117¼	5-20's 1863—coupons	121¼
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" 1868	119½	6's currency	117½
" 1865	119¾	New 5 per cents	117¾
" 1868 new	119	10-40's—coupons	117¾
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RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen	102	Ohio & Mississippi	25¾
Erie	17	Union Pacific	93
R. I. & A	96¾	Toledo & Wabash	58
C. C. & I. C	4	Harlem	130½
Ft. Wayne	133	Adams Express	93¼
Do. Pref	62	American Express	58¾
Michigan Southern	52¾	U. S. Express	44
Panama	134	Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex.	72
North Western Com	29¾	Quicksilver	35½
Do. Pref	54	Fort Wayne	98¾
Rock Island	107¾	Hannibal & St. Jos	19
Clove. & Pitts	90¾	Panama	130
Pitts. & Connells	87	Iron Mountain	87¾
Western Un. Tel	75¼		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. (B)	50¾	Cen. Trans (B)	47¾
Reading (B)	56¾	Empire Do (B)	54
Gil Co. of N. J. (B)	129¾	A. V. R. R. 7-30, (B)	92
Gil Creek (B)	70¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (B)	75
Lehigh Valley (B)	61¾		

NEW YORK, September 23, 1875.

The customs receipts were $503,000.

The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $49,000.

The clearings were $35,000,000. Bankers' bills 479@483¾. The bids for Government gold amounted to $2,245,000, ranging from 115.25 to 116.03. Awards of $500,000 were made at 116.51½@116.63. Gold opened and closed at 116¼, the two extremes of the day being 116¼ and 116¾. The rates paid for borrowing were 1-64 and 1-32 per diem, and 6 and 5 per cent. for carry. Loans were also made flat. Governments and railroad bonds were firm. State securities were quiet.

Stocks opened irregular, but in the main were weak and the fluctuations slight. At the second board the market was dull, but at the close weaker, the chief decline having been in Hannibal & St. Joseph, which fell off from 20¾ to 19. Lake Shore advanced to 54, Pacific Mail to 35¾, and Western Union to 76½, but the closing sales were at a reaction of ¼ to ¾ per cent. Ohios fell off to 14¾, and closed at 15¼. Erie was steady at 17@17¼.

The suspension of Drake & Colby, large shippers and operators in grain, is reported. The firm did a large business, and the immediate cause of the suspension is attributed to the stoppage of their correspondents on the other side, Craig & Co. It is understood that the firm lost heavily by the fall in grain. A considerable amount of their bills were sold in this market.

It is said to-day that the offer of Mellor & Sons to secure fifty cents on the dollar has not been acceptable to all the creditors, and a general assignment is talked of.

It is said that the telegraphic war will be resumed, in all efforts in the direction of consolidation have failed.

The transactions on the Stock Exchange aggregated 196,000 shares, of which 30,000 were Pacific Mail, 43,000 Western Union, 13,600 Northwest, 26,000 Erie, 64,000 Lake Shore, and 13,000 Ohios.

Government.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 123½; 5-20s of '64, 119½; do of '65, 119½; do of '65, new, 119; do of '67, 121¼; do of '68, 121¼; new 5s, 118; 10-40s, 117¾; coupons, 117¾; currency 6s, 123¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 51; do new, 20¾; Virginia new, 40; do old, 40; Missouri 6s, 101¼.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 75¾; Pacific Mail, 35; Adams Express, 101½; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 78; American Merchants' Union Express, 58; United States Express, 44; New York Central, 102½; Erie, 17; do preferred, 34; Harlem, 131½; do preferred, 132; Michigan Centric, 97; Lake Shore, 53¾; Illinois Central, 97½; Pittsburgh, 90½; Northwest, 39½; do preferred, 54; New Jersey Central, 110¾; Rock Island, 107½; 8s of '83, 24¾; do preferred, 68; Toledo & Wabash, 5¾; do preferred, 7; Ft. Wayne, 99½; Terre Haute, 6; do preferred, 18; Chicago & Alton, 98½; do preferred, 105; Burlington & Quincy, 111½; Ohio & Mississippi, 15½; Illinois Central, 4; Hannibal & St. Joe, 19; Delaware & Lackawanna, 20½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 19½; Central Pacific, 104½; Union, 103.

LONDON, September 23—5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased during the past week £598,000. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £301,000. The proportion of bank reserve to liability is now 52¾ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market is 1¼ per cent., which is ¼ below the Bank of England rate. Consols: money, 94 5-16; 5-20s of '65, 106½; do '67, 108; 10-40s, 105; new 5s, 105; New York Central, 94; Erie, 14¾; do preferred, 29¾.

PARIS, September 23.—The specie in the Bank of France has increased during the past week 3,601,000 francs. Rentes 69f 95c.

FRANKFORT, September 23.—U. S. new 5s, 100¾.

St. Louis Horse Market.

The demand shows increase over that noted a few days ago, all kinds being wanted. The strongest inquiry is from the South, personal buyers being in the market from Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Louisiana. Besides these, orders make up a full strength of demand. The principal inquiry is for plantation horses and mares, at general range of $50@100. A few nice saddle horses were also taken. The Eastern demand is not quite so brisk, though to-day across a few good draft horses would sell well. A few streeters would also sell. The general supply of horses is limited, all kinds outside of plugs being scarce, the quotations for which rule very firm. Plugs are in good offering, but show limited demand with consequent weakness in prices. The city trade is somewhat small in volume, but taking nice drivers and draft animals. As was the case last week, lack of supply of good horses alone interfere with an active market. Quotations unchanged, but stiff.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Sept. 23, 1875.

Trade in general merchandise has improved somewhat within the past few days, and it is hoped that it will continue to improve. The grocery trade has picked up very materially recently, country orders are coming in freely, and while they are mostly small, there is a very fair business in the aggregate. There is a weaker feeling in the Flour and Grain markets, but as yet, no very material decline in prices. The best evidence of an improvement in business lies in the fact that the railroads are all busy, some of them recently have been obliged to work double turn.

BUTTER—There is a steady demand, and the recent sharp advance in prices is still maintained; prime to choice, solid packed, 28a30c; ditto roll, 30a32c. As stated in our last, we look for largely increased receipts within the next week or two, in view of the fact that the article is higher here than elsewhere. A New York paper of 22d, reports that market as follows: The situation of the butter trade has changed but little since our last. Fine fresh parcels have not been abundant in proportion to the general receipts, and all fine pails and fancy tubs have kept sold up close. There is some trade in dairies, and in exceptional instances 32c has been made. Western butter is about 1c easier in the selling grades of prime dairy, and good fresh store packed. There is a disposition to release some of the held lines of Western firkins at the former ideas of buyers, 18c, but we do not learn that it has led to much business. The exports are heavier, but we believe that the greater portion is Canadian through direct. Interior quotations are also the views of operators. The June make is reported to be fine, and a good end to the crop is promised by the excellent condition of Fall feed.

BROOM CORN—Trade here is fair, and prices firm, but unchanged. A Chicago paper, of Wednesday, says:—Old corn is selling in small lots at recent prices. The receipts of new corn continue light, and very few are coming to market yet. Manufacturers are out of supplies, and some from the East have been out, feeling the market, but growers hold their corn at higher figures than any one is willing to pay, and do not appear to be anxious to sell, though there will probably be instances of where lower prices will be accepted after harvest by those farmers who are compelled to realize. The damage done by the recent frosts was probably inconsiderable. Quotations: Good to choice hurl, 11¾a12c; brush that will work into a choice hurl broom, 10a11c; fair to good do, 9a10c; crooked, 5½a7c.

BROOMS—In moderate demand, with a firm market. Manufacturers are not desirous of pushing sales, while Broom Corn is held so firmly. "Union Factory" Brooms: No. 2 common, $2.50; No. 3 hurl, $2.75; No. 4 hurl, $3.25; No. 5 hurl, $3.50; No. 6 hurl, $3.75; No. 3 carpet, $4; No. 4 carpet, $4.25; No. 5 carpet, $4.50; Fancy Brooms, $4.75a5.00. Steamboat brooms, $3.50a4.50; Whisks, plain, $1.25a1.50; fancy whisks, $1.50a2; toy brooms, $1.25a1.75.

CHEESE.—There is a continued fair demand, and the market is firmer, but prices remain unchanged; prime Ohio factory 11 1-2@12cts. A New York paper, of Wednesday, says:—The cheese market has suddenly improved, and for London use there is a pretty free demand for the instance. Liverpool buyers still seem a little shy, and do not add much to the improved demand. The new prices, if they hold, will greatly help some of the late Western New York purchases. The demand is for fine late made stock. July cheese is hard to move above 9 1-2@10c., and all sharp qualities are slow. The influence that shippers men, knowing the prejudice that shippers have had against earlier made stock than September, are branding the last half of August make as September; sellers openly declare the fact to buyers, who make no objection, as it is becoming better known through the European trade that the difference between the two periods of September and late August is only imaginary, the quality of one fully equaling the other for all commercial purposes. We are beginning to have a good home demand, which helps, among other things, the stock of Western; there is a better offering of Western factory.

EGGS—The market continues quiet and unchanged; 20c may be regarded as the ruling quotation. Large receipts recently have made the market more liberal, and while the supply is not large by any means, it is fully equal to the demand.

FRUITS—The Peach trade will soon be over, and it is well, as the demand has been falling for several days past, we continue to quote at 50ca$1.25 per box. Apples are arriving freely, mostly from York State and Michigan, but with an increasing demand, prices are still maintained, ranging from $2a4 per bbl, as to quality and condition. Plums and Blackberries out of season. Grapes, 5a6c per lb.

FLOUR—Our latest advices from all quarters report Flour dull, and while there has been no perceptible decline in our market within the past week, the indications generally, at the present writing, point to that direction. We continue former quotations: old winter wheat flour, $7.00a7.50 for red, and $7.75a8.25 for amber and white; old spring wheat $7.00a7.25, the outside figure for choice to Minnesotas.

GROCERIES—There has been quite an improvement in the grocery trade within the past few days; country orders are coming in quite freely, and some houses are very busy; in regard to leading staples there is nothing particularly new to report. Coffee continues very firm, with every prospect of a still higher range of prices. And Refined Sugars are also very firm.

SUGARS.			
Crushed	12	Standard B	10¾
Granulated	11¾	Ex C Standard	10¼
Powdered	12	Demarara	10¾@10¾
Standard A	11	Porto Rico	8¾@ 9¾
N. O. Sugar	8¾@ 9¾	Refined Yellows	8@10
COFFEE.			
Rio Good	21 @22	Roasted loose	28¾
Rio Prime	24 @25	E. Java, tub style	35
Rio Fancy	25 @26	E. Java, loose	35¾
R. Rio, lb pkgs	29		
RICE.			
Rangoon, per lb	7¾@8	Patna, per lb	7¾@8
Carolina, per lb	9@9¾		
MOLASSES.			
Porto Rico	50@55	New Orleans	75@80
Demarara	50@55		
SYRUPS.			
Sugar house	35@40	Sugar Drips	60@65
Maryland	45	White Drips	65@70
Silver Dr	60	Extra Golden	65@70

GRAIN—The grain markets are in an unsettled and unsatisfactory condition and with increased receipts and offerings and a light demand, which is restricted mainly to supplying immediate wants, prices are weak and drooping. The receipts of wheat have been quite liberal during the past few days, and this, together with the decline in the West, has caused a much easier feeling here; new red winter may be quoted at $1.25a1.35, and old red at $1.45a1.50; new crop is coming forward in much better condition than it was a few weeks ago, and has eased the market for old. The Oat market is easier under the influence of increased receipts, but there has been no change to note in prices; Penna and Ohio 43a45c; prime white western, 45a47c. Sale of cars of the latter at 46½c. Corn continues offish, although prices have undergone but little change within the past day or two; shelled, 73a75c, free in elevator, and car, 70a72c, on track, according to quality. Rye is dull, quoted at 85a90c. Penna and Ohio Fall Barley, $1.20a1.25.

HAY—Baled continues dull and prices are weaker; prairie, $16a18; timothy, $20a22. Loose, from country wagons, $16a20.

POTATOES—Irish coming in more freely and market easier; 43a45c ₱ bushel, on track, by the car load. Sweets unchanged at $2.50a3.50 ₱ bbl, the outside figure for Jerseys.

PROVISIONS—There is a continued steady jobbing demand for the hog product, but prices have undergone no change for several days. Following are the ruling rates:

Hams—Extra S. C.	15	Lard-Prime Leaf in tierces	14
Do. Sugar cured	15	Do., half barrels	14½
Shoulders, Ex'd. S. C.	12	Lard-Ref. for summer trade	13
B'fast Bacon, S. C.	—	Sausages	14
Dried Beef in Pickle	15	Hams, in ¼ bbls	15
Do., inbk'ts	15½	Do., in ½ bbls	15
Beef Tongues Sugar cured, old	15½	Do., inbk'ts	15½
Do., in ½ cadies	17	Do., in ½ bbls	15
Bacon Shoulders	10	Do., 5 lb do	17
Rib Sides	—	Do., 3 lb pails	18¾
Short Rib do	12¼	Do., 5 lb do	17¾
Clear Sides	14¾	Do., 3 lb do	17¾
Mess Pork, ₱ bbl	$23.00	Carbon Oil	11
Miner's Land Oil	—	Cheese	11
Lard Oil	$1.10		

ONIONS—$2.50a3 per bbl.

POULTRY—Live Chickens per pair, 40a50c, by the coop.

RAGS—Good mixed, 2¾a3.

SEEDS—Sales of Timothy Seed at $2.80a2.85 to the trade, and $2.95a3 in a small way.

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Sept. 21, 1875.

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

>cac., sorts	20a 30 lb	Oil, Anise	$3.50
32 assorted	35a 40 lb	Bergamot	5.00 lb
1st select	50a 60 lb	Cassia	2.00a2.20 lb
Acid, Citric	1.20a1.30 lb	Castor	18 a20 lb
Oxalic	25a 30 lb	Lemon	4.00a5.20 lb
Tartaric	55a 60 lb	Linseed R	65a67 gal
Alcohol	2.40a2.60 gal	Linseed B	70a72 gal
Alum, cargo	3½a 4 lb	Neatsfoot	90a1.35 gal
A Barb	40a 50 lb	Olive	1.25a2.00doz
Socot	"	"	2.25a3.50doz
Arnica	3¾a 4½ lb	"	3.25a3.50doz
Aum., Aq	8a 12 lb	Orange	1.00 lb
Arsenic	2a 3 lb	Origanum	70a1.20 lb
Acacia, Flor	15a 20 lb	Pennyroyl	3.00a3.50 lb
Assafœtida	25a 35 lb	Peppermt	6.50 lb
Balm Gilead	90a1.00 lb	Sassafras	85a90 lb
Canada	75a 80 lb	Wintergr'n	4.25a4.50 lb
Bay Rum	2.75a3.00 gal	Pot. Bi Carb	30 lb
Bi. Sulph car	2.75a3.00 lb	Sal Chrom	25 lb
Sub nit	2.60a2.75 lb	Bromide	70a 80 lb
Blue Mass	70 lb	Chlorate	35a 36 lb
Blue Vitriol	11 a12 lb	Iodide	3.15a3.40 lb
Borax, ref'd	16a18 lb	Quinine	2.40a2.50 oz
Brim., Rosin	4a 5½ lb	Root, Gen	12 lb
Flor. sulp	4½a 6 lb	Gin. E. I	18 lb
Buchu	16a 25 lb	Gin. Jam	35 lb
Calomel	1.30 lb	Ipecac F	1.85 lb
Camphor ref	30a 33 lb	Jalap P	85 lb
Cantharides	2a 3 lb	Rhubarb	1.00a1.50 lb
Chamo. Ger	50 lb	Do., Pow	1.00a1.50 lb
Rom	36 lb	Sar. Hond	58 lb
Chloral Hyd	2.50 lb	Sar. Mex	28 lb
Chloroform	1.10a1.25 lb	Senega	1.05 lb
Cincho. Fa	70a 80 lb	Spigelia	45 lb
Red	1.20a1.30 lb	Val. Ger	35 lb
Yellow	20a 40 lb	" Ger	25 lb
Cochineal	65a 75 lb	Saffron Am	60a1.00 lb
Copperas	2a 3 lb	Sal Ammon	16a 18 lb
Cream Tar	48a 50 lb	Epsom	3a 5 lb
Cubebs	30 lb	Glauber	2¾a 4 lb
Dovers Po'd	1.65a1.75 lb	Rochelle	38 lb
Ergot	75 lb	Soda	2a 3¾ lb
Ether, Nit	50a 55 lb	Sod., Am'g	20 lb
Sul	75a 80 lb	Cardam	2.50 lb
Ext. Log'd	1.20a1.30 lb	Hemp	7¾a 8 lb
Liqu. Cal	38a 45 lb	Mustard	35a 38 lb
Hal	25a 30 lb	Senna, Alex	17a 22 lb
Fennic	3a 4 lb	Tenn	17a 22 lb
Ginger, Pure	20a 30 lb	Tinnev	28 lb
Bowers'	65 lb	Sheilac	70a 85 lb
Indigo, Man	1.00a1.20 lb	Soap, Castile	11a 14 lb
S. F	1.10a1.25 lb	White	18a 21 lb
Iodine	4.25a4.50 lb	Soda Ash	4a 5 lb
Iodoform	92 oz	Bi Carb	5a 6 lb
Juniper Ber	7a 9 lb	Strych. Cry	3.00a3.25 oz
Logwood	23a 24 lb	Pulv	3.75a3.90 oz
Madder	12a 17 lb	Sugar Lead	24a 28 lb
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00 lb	Turpen. spts	40a 42 gal
Carb	30a 35 lb	Var, Couch	1.80a4.00 gal
Manna, Fla	1.25 lb	Copal	1.25a2.00 gal
Morph. Sul	4.00a4.90oz	Damar	1.50a1.80 gal
Nit. Silver	1.05 oz	Japan	80a1.30 gal
Opium	6.90a7.20 lb	Venet. Red	2½a 4½ lb
Powd	9.00a9.60 lb	Whiting	1¾a 2½ lb

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, September 23, 1875.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the arrival of live stock at these Yards each day during the week ending at noon to-day, and, in order to afford a comparison, we append those of the week preceding also:

	Cattle. Through.	Local.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Thursday	— cars	— cars	9 cars	1 cars.
Friday	103 "	8 "	35 "	5 "
Saturday	— "	1 "	— "	2 "
Sunday	52 "	21 "	59 "	13 "
Monday	21 "	19 "	3 "	11 "
Tuesday	16 "	74 "	26 "	34 "
Wednesday	33 "	24 "	16 "	14 "
Thursday	— "	25 "	15 "	8 "
Total	225 "	172 "	163 "	88 "
Last week	247 "	223 "	157 "	102 "

SALES.

Following is a statement of the sales each day during the week, ending at noon to-day:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Thursday	19	2,282	459
Friday	10	1,397	315
Saturday	10	1,218	—
Monday	144	2,939	2,131
Tuesday	846	1,350	6,764
Wednesday	1,226	2,609	6,000
Thursday	194	.....	.....
Total	2,449	11,786	15,669

CATTLE.

The run, as will be seen, shows a marked falling off in the receipts both of yard and through consignments, hence the general position of the market was favorable to the selling interest. The market opened up draggy, as buyers did not realize then that the supply was going to be as light as it subsequently turned out, hence they held off, hoping for increased receipts and offerings and an easier market, but in this they were disappointed. The feeling yesterday was firmer than on Tuesday, and what few cattle there were on sale to-day, brought full yesterday's prices, if not more, as to good light weights ruled from 20 to 25c per cwt higher than last week, while the best grades did not advance so much, say 10 to 12½ per cwt; the average quality was, we have reason to believe, better, as there were a number of droves grading good to prime. We can report sales of 6 cars of good Kentucky cattle at 6½; 6 cars of prime Southern Ohio stock at 6¾, and 3 cars ditto at 7c. The medium grades of cattle did not bring much, if any, better prices, but good stockers, for which there is a continued active demand, sold readily at an improvement of 20a25c. Included in the offerings were a number of Texans, but very few of them changed hands, the owners holding them at prices which buyers were unwilling to give.

Philadelphia buyers bought 50 cars this week; New York, 18 cars; country dealers, 85; local buyers, 17 cars. Last week, if we mistake not, Philadelphia bought 60 cars, or nearly double the number taken this week, and the purchases for New York, as well as by country dealers, was also comparatively light; there was good range for 87c. Taken altogether the quality of these diminished purchases, as the number on sale was 56 cars less than last week.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 1,400a1,500 steers	5.50a7.00
Prime 1,200a1,300 steers	5.75a6.25
Good 1,100a1,200 steers	5.25a5.75
Fair 1,000a1,100 lb. steers	4.25a5.00
Common 900a1,000 steers	4.00a4.25
Bulls, Stags and Cows	2.50a3.50
Stockers, as per quality	3.50a4.50
Texas cattle, as per quality	3.50a4.50

HOGS.

There has been a very fair run of hogs during the past week, but mostly common in point of quality, the bulk of the offerings consisting of grassers; however, even for the best corn-fed, as are We-fers for shipment to Philadelphia, prices are considerably lower, as compared with last week, while light weights of corn-fed, better known perhaps as Yorkers, ruled higher. This is easily explained, the demand for the former was less active, while for the latter there was more inquiry than there has been for some time past. We-fers to-day of last week, prime Philadelphia hogs brought 9¾c, while to-day the same grade cannot be quoted above 9¼c; corn-fed Yorkers at the same time were slow at 7¾a 8c, while to-day the same quotation for the 8c 8.25. As might be expected, the cool weather has stimulated the butcher trade somewhat, but there is no mistaking that the general position of the market points to a much lower range of prices for all grades of hogs within the next 30 or 40 days. Prime to extra heavy corn hogs are quoted at 8¾a8¾c in Chicago now, yet we are doubtful if within that same date could be sold for November delivery at over 6a6¼c, if that; packers, in the present condition of affairs, are not in the mood to contract for hogs at anything like current rates, and while we would be mistaken, we would advise those who have good stock, in condition for marketing, to sell as quick as possible.

QUOTATIONS.

Philadelphia Hogs	8.75a9.25
York Hogs—corn-fed	8.00a8.25
Grassers, as per quality	6.50a7.50
Roughs	6.00a6.50

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

The market for good, fat Sheep has been fairly active at full prices all week, but common stock was a little draggy, although not quotably lower; the fact is, considering the liberal receipts, the market for this class of stock has held its own better than was generally expected. Some of our most observant operators have been expecting a break for several weeks past, but it begins to look now as if the market, especially for good stock, was destined to hold its own, as the receipts usually commence to drop off at this season of the year. Jersey Ewes continue dull, but good feeding wethers and lambs, say 4¼a4¾c per lb. The great proportion of the Lambs coming forward are of an inferior quality and in poor condition, and for these the market is dull.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 95a100 lbs	5.40a5.65
Good 80a85 lbs	5.00a5.25
Fair 75a80 lbs	4.25a4.50
Common 70a75 lbs	3.25a3.75
Lambs	5.50a6.50
Stock Ewes, per head	$1.50a2.50

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Sept. 23, 1875.

The Petroleum market continues very strong, both in the oil regions and at the seaboards. There is an urgent demand for refined to load vessels already chartered, and buyers' quotations, compared with yesterday, are higher. The sales in New York, if correctly reported, are small. Much of the oil now going on board vessels was sold before the advance. Sales of 8,000 bbls refined, for September, were reported in New York yesterday at 13¾a13⅞c, and 6,300 bbls for October at 13¾a13⅞c. Refined to-day is quoted strong at 13¾a13¾c for Philadelphia delivery, and same for Baltimore. On cars here 13¼c could be obtained, against 13c yesterday, but refiners are not disposed to sell. Crude is firm and still tending upward; United Line $1,48¾; outside lines $1,45a1,46¾ at the wells; immediate shipment is firmly held at $1,75a1,75¾. The shipments of refined are larger than at any time during the month, and considerable inconvenience is felt for want of sufficient cars to load on the Pennsylvania road. The B. & O. is receiving a liberal share of oil for Baltimore, and daily adding in this direction is experienced for cars.

Oil barrels steady; cities $1,45 bid, $1,50 asked; countries $1,35a1,40; receipts light.

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL EAST VIA A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Lockhart & F	Warden, F. & Co	673
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F. & Co	598
Citizens Ref'g Co	Warden, F. & Co	492
Citizens Ref'g Co	Geo. Pohe	199
Standard Oil Co	Geo. Pohe	250
King & Goodwin	Geo. Pohe	150
H. A. S. Stewart	Geo. Pohe	157
Vesta Oil Works	Geo. Pohe	522
Livingston Bros	Warden, F. & Co	544
Central Ref'g Co	Central Ref'g Co	604
W. P. Logan & Co	Central Ref'g Co	213
David Bly & Co	Central Ref'g Co	198
King & Goodwin	J. S. Davis	100
Total		4,997

RECEIPTS OF CRUDE OIL PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
J. Bushnell	National O W	797
J. Bashnell	Standard O W	787
J. J. Fisher	Sunbeam O W	482
J. J. Fisher	Petrolite O W	402
J. J. Fisher	Vesta O W	482
B. S. Dunnan	Citizens O W	402
G. M. Robinson	Hutchinson O W	319
G. M. Robinson	Loomis O W	227
S. Craig	Bly O W	228
Total		3,126

Relative Prices of Wheat.

The following shows the relative progress of the prices of wheat in the three principal markets of the world (on the basis of No. 2 Chicago wheat) since May. The Chicago quotations are not for cash, but for seller the month. The prices of ocean freights from New York are also given in the right hand column:

	Chicago.	N. Y.	Liverpool.	Ocean freights.
May 26	1.05	1.14	8s 4d	8¾@ 9d
July 13	1.08	1.22	8s 6d	7½@ 8d
July 15	1.14	1.28	9s 7d	8¾@ 9d
July 22	1.27	1.40	10s	8 @8¾d
Aug. 12	1.26	1.39	9s 3d	8¾@10d
Sept. 6	1.14	1.28	9s 7d	.. ..
Sept. 10	1.25	1.38	9s 10d	.. ..
Sept. 14	1.15	1.28	8s 8d	.. ..
Sept. 21	1.07	1.23	8s 6d	6 @6 7d

Chicago Seed Market.

Timothy was very quiet, there being very few orders in, and local dealers are for the most part well supplied. The market was weak at $2,00a2,30 for poor to good, $2,35a 2,40 for prime, and $2,45a2,60 for old. Clover was slow and weak at $7,00 for new nominal. Flax was dull and weak, with sales at $1,25a1,45, the outside for prime. The receipts are heavy, and most of the seed is consigned to crushers, who are not now doing much on the open market.

Receipts of Pig Metal, Ore Blooms, and Muck Bar.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R R.

Shenberger & Co 2 Lucy Furnace m.. 1
W. McKinney & Sa 2
Total 5

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. H. R. LESSEE.

Nimick & Co m	5	Reese, G. & W m 2
Lewis, O. & P o r	2	Shoenberger & Co o f
Laughlin & Co o	11	E. T. Steel W k s m 4
Caugher & H m	1	Carnegie & Co m. 2
Byers, McC & Co m	3	
Total		37

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Lucy Furnace o	14	Nimick & Co p	3
Shoenberger & Co p	6	Soho Furnace o	6
W. Clark & Co o	2		
Total			31

RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOUR, ENDING AT 3 P. M.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 23, 1875.

Stations.	Above low water	Change in 24 hours	Kind of Weather.
	ft. in.	ft. in.	
Cairo, Ill	15 10	+11	E. Clear.
Cincinnati, O	5 10	+1 5	SE. Clear.
Davenport, Iowa	6 4	—4	SW. Clear.
Dubuque, Iowa	8 9	—5	S. Clear.
Fort Sally	3 9		SW. Clear.
Keokuk, Iowa	9 3	—5	S. Clear.
LaCrosse, Wis	2 8	—4	SW. Fair.
Leavenworth	9 7	—6	S. Cloudy.
Louisville	3		E. Clear.
Memphis	14		SW. Cloudy.
Nashville, Tenn	12 4	—1 8	SE. Cloudy.
Omaha	6 8		SW. Fair.
Pittsburgh	3 6	—3	Cloudy.
Shreveport, La	17	—6	E. Fair.
St. Joseph	4 9	—1	S. Clear.
St. Louis	17	—4	S. Clear.
Vicksburg, Miss	21 7	+1	N. Clear.
Ya Kton, D.T	7	—1	S. Clear.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergeant Signal Service, U. S. A.

THE stage of water last evening was 3 feet 3 inches, and falling. Cloudy and cool. No business at the wharf, notwithstanding there is a good stage of water for low water boats.

ADMIRAL WHITTAKER has returned from Cincinnati.

THE new steamer W. S. Holt made a trial trip yesterday afternoon.

BOTH the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers continue to recede at headwaters.

THE C. W. Hornbrook was loading a barge at Cincinnati for this port on Wednesday.

THE hull of Capt. Ad. Poe's new boat was towed from Georgetown yesterday by the Ventline.

CAPT. J. M. VANDERGRIFT, of the John L. Rhoads, is in town. The Rhoads is plying in the packet trade between Cincinnati and Pomeroy.

THE case of Marsh McDonald & Co. vs. the Pittsburgh Insurance Company will come up for argument in the Supreme Court next month. This suit, which was brought by McDonald & Co. to recover for the sinking of a barge in the Mississippi some time ago, was decided in favor of the plaintiff in the lower Court, and defendants appealed.

A ST. LOUIS dispatch under date of 21st says: Business is improving. One boat from the Upper Mississippi to-day brought 500 tons of produce, which is the largest cargo brought here for some weeks. The Carrie V. Kountz leaves here for New Orleans to-morrow. The Barge Line also send a tow. The Glencoe follows on Saturday. Commodore Dan Rowley returns from Keokuk to-morrow. Captain William H. Blake stopped off the Julia and Ed. Gray went down in his place.

A PADUCH dispatch gives the following additional particulars in regard to the sinking of the Florence Lee:—On account of the rapid rise in the Tennessee River they were unable to get the Florence Lee up by Monday forenoon, as expected. The boat was riffed last night, but it

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HOME NEWS.

River Men Call on Senator Morton.

Some twenty or thirty of our river men called in a body, at room No. 11 Monongahela House, yesterday and were presented to Senator Morton by John F. Dravo. Their call was an expression of their appreciation of the Senator's efforts in behalf of river interests. After a pleasant interchange of views upon the commerce of the country, the visitors retired quite gratified at their cordial reception, and the opinion expressed by the Senator in regard to the importance of our river commerce.

Another Warning—Arm Crushed.

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon a man by the name of John Campbell attempted to get on a moving coal train as it was crossing Liberty street, with the view of riding to Allegheny, but missed his footing and fell with his left arm before a wheel, which passed over it, crushing and lacerating the arm its entire length. He was immediately taken to the Homeopathic Hospital, and the arm amputated near the shoulder, by Dr. J. C. Burgher, surgeon in charge, assisted by the hospital staff. The unfortunate man was quite comfortable last evening, and apparently doing well.

MORE EXPOSITION NOTES.

Further Information of Interest—Precautions to Prevent Fire—Telegraphic Communication from the Opera House Managers.

The management of the coming Exposition has been busily engaged for a few days to devise a plan to prevent any damage which might arise in case of fire, during the Exposition, and has finally hit upon a plan which will no doubt meet the approval of the exhibitors. The oil men have been assigned a special room in the extreme corner of Power Hall, now in course of erection, which will be protected from the remainder of the building by wire and sheet-iron partitions, while a Connolly fire extinguisher will be kept in position to extinguish any oil blaze that might occur. Water pipes will be run on each floor through the main exposition building, and at every one hundred and fifty feet, there will be a small plug with a two and a half inch opening, to each of which plugs will be attached one hundred and fifty feet of hose, with a one and a quarter inch nozzle. The force of water will be such that each of these plugs will throw a stream of about three hundred feet, and altogether the different plugs will give water equal to sixteen steam fire engines. Fifteen of the special police to be employed will be detailed for fire purposes alone, and will be stationed in different parts of the building for that purpose. As a further precaution, a large number of Babcock extinguishers will be scattered about the hall. Application has been made to the Fire Alarm Committee of Allegheny, for an extension of their wires to the Exposition buildings, and it is expected one or two alarm boxes will be put in position, so that in case of danger, the department can be called out wit out delay.

Invitations have been extended to President Grant, Senator Morton and ex-Senator Schurz to be present at the opening.

A meeting of the Press Committee of the Exposition was held yesterday, when the following communication was received, which explains itself:

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE, MANAGER'S OFFICE.
PITTSBURGH, September 23, 1875.

Geo. Wardman, Chairman Amusement Committee:

Permit us to extend to the press correspondents, to our Exposition, the courtesies of the Opera House during their stay in our city.

Trusting they will make themselves at home with us,

We are, very truly yours,
ELLSLER & GOTTHOLD.

The communication was acted upon and a vote of thanks tendered to the Opera House managers.

FRANK Leslie writes that he will send one of his best artists here at the Exposition opening. The New York *Graphic* responds the same, promising both an artist and a reporter here at the send-off.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

Select Council Again Tries to Get a Quorum but Don't Succeed—The Sewer Question—Reports of Several Committees Debated—A Resolution About Absentees.

Another unsuccessful effort was made yesterday afternoon by Select Council to get a quorum for the transaction of some very important business. Several communications of more or less past meetings were read by the clerk in the hope that while he was doing so enough members would come in to make a quorum, but it was a vain hope. The gentlemen who were present yesterday, and also on Monday last, were quite severe in their strictures concerning absentees.

PRESIDENT GROSS said that if some of them had a little private egg to hatch, or a special act to get through, there would be no dearth of their gentle forms.

Mr. AIKEN was in favor of measures severe enough to at once bring the absentees to a sense of their duty, though the want of a quorum prevented them from taking any action. Yesterday he had a letter from the City Charter giving the Select and Common Council "full power and authority * * * to vacate the seat of any member for misbehavior, neglect of duty or other misdemeanor." That power he was in favor of exercising, and thereby setting an example that would be productive of a good effect.

Mr. LITTELL offered the following:

Resolved—That the names of the members of this Council who were absent on last, and are absent at this meeting, leaving the Council without a quorum to transact business, be published so that their negligence and lack of interest in the general business of the city may be made known to their constituents unless good cause can be given for their absence.

Mr. HERRON offered an apology for leaving the Council chamber last Monday, saying that he had consented to act as pallbearer at a funeral.

President GROSS—You asked permission to leave. The remarks made have no reference to you.

Mr. LIDDELL—It was altogether impossible for me to be here last Monday. I am about as regular in my attendance as anybody else, but I had business then which I could not leave.

President GROSS—You are excused.

Mr. CARR also stated that he could not be on hand. His excuse was accepted too.

Mr. LITTELL said it was with the greatest regret that he offered the resolution given above, but he felt impelled to do so from a sense of duty. His business needed just as much of his attention, and was just as valuable to him as the affairs of other men to them, but in the spirit of coming to the Council chamber day after day and finding no quorum present.

Mr. AIKEN—We have no quorum. The resolution can't be passed.

Dr. GROSS—We can by equity pass it.

Mr. BREED—One thing can be done. We can receive curseives into a town meeting and pass it.

Mr. LITTELL—As objections are made, I ask leave to withdraw the resolution. I will stay at home now until I am sent for.

Mr. FINLEY—I feel much like Mr. Littell does. It is not of the question for me to neglect my business, come here and sit for an hour or two, and then depart without anything having been done.

The gentlemen present yesterday were Messrs. Aiken, Arbuckle, Braun, Breed, Brown, Buckley, Carr, Clemens, H. Darlington, Fetterman, Fox, Harrison, Herron, Holliday, Falmestock, Hunter, Sawyer, Liddell, Littell, Metzgar, Finley, Moore, Murray, MacConnell, McGuigan, O'Neil, Hayden, Schmidt, Scully, Shipton, Taylor, Weldon, and President Gross.

The absentees were Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Arnhold, Atterbury, Rodgers, Barckley (sick), Bates, Bissell, Bruce, Chislett, Clark, Daniels, B. Darlington, Doyle, Epping (has a broken leg), Evans, Froehlich, Goldthorpe, Haines, Howard, Jeremy, Keebler, Kerman, Kerr, Kestner, Knapp, Macfarlane, Meyer, Musgrave, McClandless (absent in Europe), McCombs, McClurg, Negley, Noble, Perry, Ray, Schenck, Scuild, Spahr, Vierheiler and Waring.

After talking over the matter further Council adjourned to meet again this afternoon.

The Rising Sun Oyster Crackers

Are just what you will like. Try them. Sold by all grocers.

THE FIRST GUN!

The Campaign Brilliantly Opened Last Night.

A Grand Demonstration at Lafayette Hall—Brilliant Reception Accorded to the Hon. Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana—The Distinguished Statemen's Review of the Situation—A Powerful Argument.

The Financial Issue Discussed—The History of the Greenback—What It Is and What Is to be Done With It—Hypocritical Democratic Pretensions Exposed—The Erie Platform Riddled—The Democratic Party Judged by its Record—A Scathing Review.

The Republican campaign in this county and State was opened last night, in a brilliant and auspicious manner. The first grand rally was held in Lafayette Hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity, with an audience that was conspicuous for its character as representative of the best element of the business, professionals and laboring ranks of our community. It was an assemblage that attested the profound interest taken in the pending political struggle and gave evidence that the people were thoroughly aroused to the important issues of the hour. In all respects the opening of the campaign was a brilliant success, and augured well for a glorious triumph in November.

The Hon. Oliver P. Morton, the distinguished statesman and Senator from Indiana, had been chosen as the central figure for the first grand rally, and pursuant to engagement the gentleman arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He was taken in charge, and provided with comfortable quarters at the Monongahela House, where he was called upon by a number of prominent citizens irrespective of special political affiliations.

THE ESCORT.

In the evening there was a din of music and a flare of lamps as the different marching clubs from various parts of the city proceeded to form in line preparatory to the grand parade in honor of the visitor. The duty of escorting him to the Hall was assigned to the Hartranft club, and promptly at half past seven o'clock, they put in an appearance at his stopping place. The Senator, with Colonel Thomas M. Bayne was provided with a seat in an open carriage, which was preceded by the club all uniformed and bearing torches. The line was along Diamond street, down Fifth avenue and along Wood street. Preparatory to this there was a grand display by

The Marching Clubs.

About seven o'clock, the different marching clubs began to assemble at their respective headquarters preparatory to the grand parade. After the members of the Central club had donned their uniforms, they assembled in front of City Hall, and awaited the coming of the Duquesne Greys, who had met at their armory, and were expected to move up Fifth avenue to join the Central boys at the Custom House building. Shortly before eight o'clock, the Greys heralded by their band made their appearance, and after some preliminary arrangements, the entire procession was formed, and marched down Fifth avenue to Market street, thence to Sixth, and down Sixth to the Suspension Bridge to meet the Allegheny clubs.

While arrangements were being perfected on this side, the Allegheny boys were busy arranging matters to join the ranks at the place designated. The Allegheny Hartranft club, of the North Side, met at at their armory, and before starting out, were made the recipients of a handsome flag, at the hands of Mr. William Boice. The gift was received by William Woolsey, Esq., in a few felicitous remarks, when it was transferred to the custody of the club. As soon as this part of the programme was concluded, the club marched out to Ohio street, where they were joined by the Third ward club, and from thence, passed down Federal street to the bridge, and were received by the Pittsburgh organizations.

THE LINE OF MARCH.

As soon as each company was assigned its proper place, the procession moved across the bridge to Sixth street, up Sixth to Market, out Market to Fifth avenue, up the avenue to Wood street, out Wood to Water, up Water to Smithfield, out Smithfield to Third avenue, up Third avenue to Grant, out Grant to Fifth avenue, down Fifth to Market, out Market to Sixth, down Sixth to the Suspension bridge, across the bridge to Federal, up Federal to Ohio, out Ohio to Cedar avenue, up Cedar to North avenue, out North avenue to Irwin avenue, out Irwin avenue to Ridge avenue, out Ridge avenue to Marion avenue, where the Allegheny clubs left the procession, and Pittsburgh was passed to Western avenue, out the avenue to Ohio street, out Ohio to Federal street, down Federal to the Suspension bridge, across the bridge to Sixth street, up Sixth to Market, where they separated for their respective headquarters.

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

When the procession moved past the Monongahela House it was headed by the Keystone Grand Band of Allegheny, followed by the Third ward club, numbering seventy-five men; next came the Allegheny Hartranft Club, which had two hundred men in ranks. The Duquesne Grey Band followed, and the Greys marched up the rear with two hundred and fifty men in line. The display, as the clubs marched down Fifth avenue, was magnificent, and called out rapturous applause from the crowd which thronged the streets on both sides. All along the line of march the pavements were jammed with people, so that it was almost impossible for footmen to pass until after the procession had disappeared out of sight.

THE DEMAND FOR UNIFORMS.

At the headquarters of each club, it was impossible to supply the demand for uniforms. At the Central Club Rooms, in this city, no less than two hundred applicants had to be turned away, as provisions had been made for only four hundred men. Some of the Allegheny clubs, oth rwise the additions to the ranks would have swelled the numbers to more than double that which paraded. It was late after the marching was concluded it was impossible for the members to obtain admission to Lafayette Hall, as it was crowded so that there was no room for their accommodation.

The procession arrived at the Hall a few minutes after eight o'clock, and the head of the column halted in front of the entrance to the Fourteenth ward, the distinguished visitor alighted and was escorted into the hall by Col Thomas M. Bayne. He came in so quietly that at first his arrival was not observed, but when he came to the platform and stepped to the front he became aware of his presence and greeted him with hearty applause. The Senator seated himself alongside a small table on the stage.

Col. Bayne then stepped forward and moved that the meeting be organized by the election of George R. White, Esq., as Chairman, which was agreed to. Mr. White was called to the platform, and after having introduced, made the following remarks, as follows:

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I am very much gratified on this occasion to have the opportunity of reiterating what I said at a meeting of the merchants and manufacturers of Pittsburgh, held three years ago, previous to the Gubernatorial election.

That from reliable information satisfactory to myself, Gen. Hartranft was not only honest, but a man of unquestionable integrity, and when in the service of his country, not a suspicion was ever breathed against his ability during his whole military career. That as Governor of this great Commonwealth, he has shown that he has great executive ability, and verified every pledge I then made as to his honesty and ability to discharge the duty of Chief Magistrate of this State. He is no friend of special legislation or combinations of any kind, or any party to plunder the Treasury.

With these brief remarks, I take pleasure in introducing Senator Morton, of Indiana, to address you—a man whose record during the late war was his brilliant efforts in raising men and money to sustain the Government of our country. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of this brief but practical and common sense address, which was well received, the organization was completed by the election of Vice Presidents and Secretaries. As completed, the list of officers stood as follows:

President—George R. White, Esq.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Jas. I. Bennett,	J. H. Shoenberger,
Wm. Eaton,	Jacob Rees,
W. H. Graff,	T. B. Atterbury,
Arthur Hobson,	J. M. Davis,
John Adams,	James Verner,
John W. Chalfant,	James Kelly,
David Chess,	James McKelvy.
Joseph Dilworth,	Charles Arbuthnot,
C. Yeager,	J. McC. Creighton,
Col. Henry B. Hays,	C. B. Herron,
Hon. O. Phillips,	John McD. Crossan,
Hon. T. J. Bingham,	B. F. Pulpress,
Josiah Cohen,	James Littell,
Joshua Rhodes,	Hon. H. S. Fleming,
Gen. Jas. S. Negley,	Hon. Thos. M. Howe,
D. B. Oliver,	Capt. W. W. Tyson,
Prof. S. A. Neale,	Alex. Nimick,
N. H. Voeghtly,	Gen. J. K. Moorhead,
Wm. Neeb,	William Street,
Nathan Brokow,	E. F. Jones,
Reuben Miller,	Hon. Hugh McNeil,
Sellers McKee,	Thomas Reese,
Abraham Johnson,	George Archbold,
Lemuel Goggins,	Jacob Born.
George Rothwell,	

Secretaries—Reporters of the press.

SENATOR MORTON'S SPEECH.

Senator Morton was then introduced, and proceeded to make an address that was characteristic for its force of logic, and breadth and strength of argument. He commenced by saying that he always regarded it as a high compliment to have the privilege of addressing the people of Pittsburgh, because the city was one of great manufacturing interests, of skilled labor, of solid men, of solid capital. In coming before them on this occasion he desired, without any preliminary flourish, to discuss briefly before them some of the political issues which existed between the two great political parties that appealed to them for their suffrages. In doing so he desired to be understood. Politics meant business. Politics was public business, which was alike important to all. There was no man in the country too rich, and no man too poor, not to have a direct personal interest in the politics of the country, and every man should take that interest in it, which would lead him to do his duty. He came before them then with this view of the matter. "He had no amusement to offer; no story to tell, but without further preliminary, he desired to proceed to a discussion of some of the great questions, which were now before the people in the political field.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

The first question to which he desired to direct attention was that which was commonly known as the financial issue. It was especially interesting to the people of Pennsylvania, because here the lines had been distinctly drawn. The Democratic party, though its representatives assembled in State Convention, had adopted a platform on finances in which they had resolved in the first place in favor of abolishing the National banks with their notes. These notes were to give place to a new issue of greenbacks, but this issue of greenbacks was not to be limited; they should be issued without limit, or to meet what was called the necessities of the times.

In their platform secondly the Democratic party had resolved against the resumption of specie payments, and had abanded that policy, as contemplated by the government for another policy of what was nothing less than unlimited inflation.

The speaker said that from the platform which contained such announcements of principles he was compelled to dissent, and to speak of it perhaps in terms that were not agreeable to himself, and might not be agreeable to his Democratic friends. In the discussion, however, he did no wish to be considered as personal. In regard to parties he believed that the masses were honest, and the masses intended to do right. They also all wanted to be patriotic, and from their standpoint were perhaps firm in the conviction that they were patriotic. He desired to discuss the issues of the day, and to point out the dangers which existed in the platforms recently adopted by the Democrats of Nebraska and Massachusetts, where special stress was given to the demand for specie payments and currency. The majority of the Democracy of Nebraska were especially hostile to the greenback and held that any issue of greenbacks was a direct violation of the pledged faith of the Government. Democrats in nineteen States of the Union in their platforms had pronounced against greenback inflation, and yet the Democracy of Pennsylvania like their brethren in Ohio held that the party was in favor of more "soft money." The speaker brought this testimony in support of the statement that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania neither would nor intended to carry out its expressed principles concerning the financial situation. Their platform was a mere trick to catch votes. It was meaningless, and not one of its framers had an idea of attempting to carry it into effect.

THE "GREENBACK."

The speaker next turned to a discussion of what the greenback was. Some people suppose it to be money, and that it was intended to be money just like a gold dollar or silver dollar, and that was the end of it. That was a very erroneous impression. The greenback was not money. It was never intended to be money, like the gold or silver dollar. It was simply a promissory note from the Government. It stands in its relation to the Government just as a promissory note given by an individual stood to the drawer. It was an obligation; it was the promise of the Government to pay. It was different from the bond. The bond drew interest, and would continue to draw interest. The bond had a fixed time to run, and must then be redeemed. The Greenback drew no interest; no time was fixed for its payment. That was left with the Government. It was exactly like a due bill. When one man gave a due bill to another, it was due immediately; but there was an understanding between the parties at the time that its payment would depend upon the ability of the drawer to redeem it. The honesty and credit of the individual was pledged to the payment of that due bill, and it was only payable in proportion to his ability and honesty, so it was with the Greenback. It was the due bill issued by the Government. The people took it in confidence, relying upon the honesty and ability of the Government to pay it in good time. The public credit was pledged to pay it just as soon as the Government was able to do it. This was what gave it value.

The greenback, however, had one advantage which the due bill had not, and because of this quality there was greater reason why the faith of the people should not be shaken in it. It was a legal tender in payment of debts. The debtor could make the creditor take it in payment of a debt. It was so made by law. It was thought necessary to make it such to give it greater value, and to make it acceptable. Yet everything depended upon faith in the Government.

THE ORIGIN OF SOFT MONEY.

The history of the Greenback was the best evidence of its character. In January, 1862, the Government found itself engaged in war and that no opposition to the conflict. The gold and silver in the country was not enough; the receipts from customs were comparatively small; the funds of the Government were exhausted, and the war could not go on. It was a war for national life, and it must go on. The Government must have money to keep troops in the field. It was necessary to the very existence of the Government that it should have means, and to maintain them. The expenses were enormous, and yet not out of proportion with the tremendous character of the struggle. The people said the conflict should not cease at this time, and the authority was everywhere established throughout the land. In this great emergency the greenback was invented. Congress devised a method for making money. That bill was bitterly opposed by every Democrat in Congress, although they knew the life of the nation was at stake. The Democrats said the nation had no right to make money, and they fought the measure honest, and the masses intended to do right. They also all wanted to be patriotic, and from their standpoint were perhaps firm in the conviction that they were patriotic. He desired to discuss the issues of the day, and to point out the dangers which existed in the platforms recently adopted by the Democrats of Nebraska and Massachusetts, where special stress was given to the demand for specie payments and currency. The majority of the Democracy of Nebraska were especially hostile to the greenback and held that any issue of greenbacks was a direct violation of the pledged faith of the Government. Democrats in nineteen States of the Union in their platforms had pronounced against greenback inflation, and yet the Democracy of Pennsylvania like their brethren in Ohio held that the party was in favor of more "soft money." The speaker brought this testimony in support of the statement that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania neither would nor intended to carry out its expressed principles concerning the financial situation. Their platform was a mere trick to catch votes. It was meaningless, and not one of its framers had an idea of attempting to carry it into effect.

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